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PREFACE.

This thirty-second issue of the annual Labour Report, containing a digest of labour statistics, is an abridged war-time edition. The volume relates to the two years 1941 and 1942 and omits a considerable number of pages of standing matter, which can readily be found in the thirty-first issue for the year 1940. In view of the shortage of staff and paper, insertion of an account of war-time organization of labour, etc., has been deferred until the next issue.

While the form of the present issue leaves much to be desired, the changes have resulted in economies of material and manpower.

The tables and pages in this issue have been numbered to agree generally with those appearing in issue No. 31 for 1940. Each such page bears two numbers—that at the top is identical with the numbering of issue No. 31 while that at the bottom of each page (in brackets) runs through the present issue in sequence.

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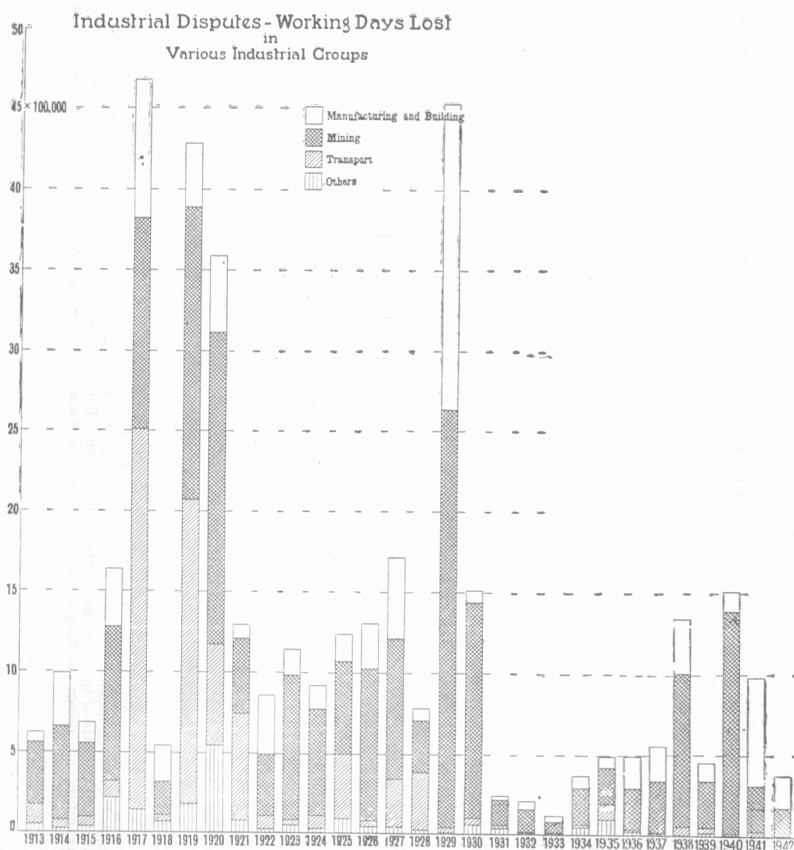
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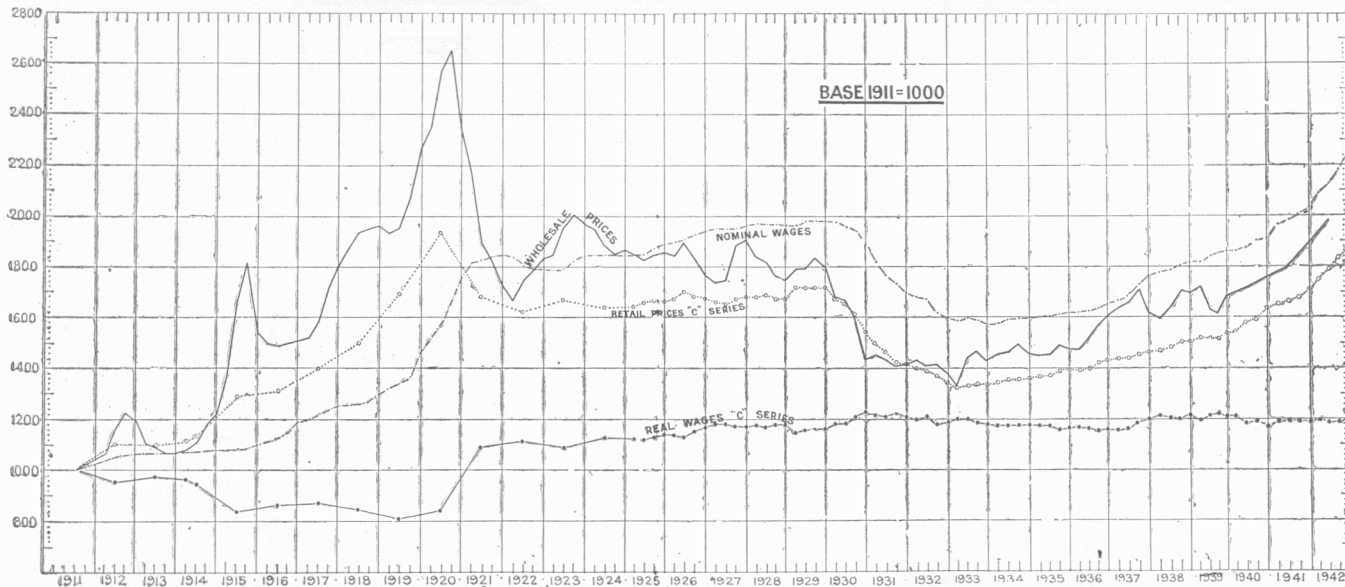
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EXPLANATION.—The scale refers to working days lost in hundred thousands. Thus, taking the year 1917, and comparing the shaded and blank sections with the scale, it will be observed that about 870,000 working days were lost in Manufacturing and Building, over 1,300,000 in Mining, over 2,300,000 in Transport, and about 150,000 in other industries.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES, NOMINAL AND EFFECTIVE OR REAL WAGE INDEX-NUMBERS.—AUSTRALIA, 1911 TO 1942.



EXPLANATION.—The index-numbers in the above graph are for the Six Capital Cities as a whole, with the exception of those for Wholesale Prices which are for Melbourne. They are all calculated to the common base 1911 = 1,000, the scale for which appears on the left of the graph. They are shown *quarterly* from 1912 to 1939 and thereafter *annually* in the case of the Wholesale Prices (Melbourne). The "C" Series Retail Prices (food, groceries, rent of 4 and 5 rooms, clothing and miscellaneous household expenditure) are shown *quarterly* from 1925. Nominal Wages are shown *quarterly* from 1914, and Real Wages *quarterly* from 1925.

CHAPTER I.—RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

The methods used in collection and compilation of Retail Prices and Retail Price Index-numbers of Australia were fully described on pages 1 to 9 and 25 to 27 of Labour Report No. 31 of 1940.

Under war-time conditions scarcity of certain types of goods, erratic supply and changes of grade due to standardization have created unusual difficulty in obtaining the data necessary for measuring variations in prices. In some instances, this has rendered it necessary to substitute new grades, qualities or types of articles for those formerly used as indicators of changes in price. This has been the case more particularly in the clothing, household drapery and household utensils sections of the index. Substitutions of similar kind were necessary at times under normal conditions in order to meet changes of fashion and usage. In themselves, such substitutions are not injurious to the index provided the transitional difficulties can be solved as they arise. No change in principle is involved. The index continues to measure, as accurately as may be, price variations, and price variations only. Just as in the pre-war period, application of multipliers (called "grafting factors") serves to neutralize those differences in prices which are solely due to substitution of a new item for one which has ceased to be available or in common use. The net effect of this process is that the price of the old item is taken as typical of price variation in its class up to the time of substitution, and the prices of the new item as typical of such changes in price thereafter. The statement of facts and principles in Sub-section 3 on page 5, Sub-section 9 on page 8 and Section 8 on pages 25 to 27 of the Labour Report for 1940 remains unaltered.

The retail price indexes are designed to measure changes in price levels only. While they may be used as indicating changes in cost of a *constant* standard of living they do not measure the absolute cost of any standard of living nor the cost of changes in the standard of living. In other words, they measure as nearly as may be the proportionate change in the aggregate cost of specified quantities of a "regimen" of 161 items which commonly enter into household expenditure and, *pro tanto*, into the cost of living.

In order to fulfil the purpose of measuring changes in price levels each item in the index is given a "weight" or "mass unit" proportionate to average usage in a selected representative period. So long as these "weights" are approximately correct relatively, the absolute magnitude of each is not significant for the purpose of measuring variations in the price level. (See paragraph 3 on page 5 of Labour Report No. 31 for 1940.) In normal times, popular usage of items in general consumption changes slowly and the weight of items and groups in the regimen is changed only at long intervals. In war-time scarcity of supplies of some goods, rationing and kindred factors actually produce substantial changes in usage both long term and short term. The weights of the retail price indexes have not been changed and continue as in pre-war years. Although substantial variation in weighting of such items as clothing (sales of which have been reduced substantially by rationing) would make noticeable difference in the course of the index from year to year, tests show that it would not make as much difference as is commonly supposed.

The price index, as published, measures the aggregate variation in prices of the regimen of items adopted in peace-time in peace-time proportions. It might be desirable at some stage to compile an index to measure variations in the price level on the basis of war-time consumption. These are alternative methods of comparison each presenting part of the picture of price changes.

Various Series of Retail Price Index-Numbers.—Two main series of retail price index-numbers are compiled and shown in some detail in the following pages, viz. :—

- (i) the "B" Series relating only to food, groceries and housing, continuously available since 1907.
- (ii) the All Items ("C" Series) relating to food, groceries, housing, clothing, household drapery and utensils, fuel and light, and other miscellaneous items of household expenditure, continuously available from 1914.

The "B" Series comprises only the food, groceries and housing sections of the All Items ("C" Series) index. Reference to the "A" Series (no longer compiled) is made in Section 3 (1) hereof and to the "A" and "D" Series, the "Court" Series and various other series on pages 28 to 30 of Labour Report No. 31 for 1940.

Although considerable space is given herein to the "B" Series index-numbers, reference to them should be made only in respect of the movement in prices in the three sections (food, groceries and rent) which they embrace.

The "C" Series in total provides a reliable measure of aggregate variations in retail prices as well as of group indexes for component sections. This index is compiled for :—

- (a) the capital city of each of the six States,
- (b) four other principal towns in each of the six States,
- (c) weighted average of five towns (including capital city) in each of the six States,
- (d) weighted average for the six capital cities combined,
- (e) weighted average for the 30 towns (including capital cities).

This index forms the basis of the "Court" Series Index used by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for the "cost of living" adjustments of wages covered by awards made by the Court.

The aggregate indexes for periods 1914 to 1942 are published in summary form on page 20 hereof. The relevant index-numbers at certain significant turning points since November, 1914 (the earliest date for which this index is available), are shown below :—

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base : 1923-27 = 1,000.)

1914, November	..	..	687 (Beginning of War I.)
1918, November	..	..	905 (End of War I.)
1920, November	..	..	1,166 (Post-War peak)
1929, Year..	..	..	1,033 (Pre-Depression peak)
1933, Year..	..	..	804 (Depression trough)
1939, September Quarter	..	..	916 (Pre-War II.)
1943, March Quarter	..	..	1,123 (Pre-Price Stabilization).

"Group" Retail Price Index-Numbers.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group: 1923-27 = 1,000.)

	Food and Groceries.	Rent.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Groups.
1914—November ..	641	649	754	749	687
1918— " ..	861	722	812	1,097	905
1920— " ..	1,209	851	1,365	1,194.	1,166
1929—Year ..	1,044	1,073	996	1,007	1,033
1933— " ..	751	804	787	950	804
1939—September Quarter ..	920	967	836	961	916
1943—March Quarter ..	1,040	975	1,409	1,149	1,123

§ 3. The Food, Groceries and Rent ("B" Series) Index of Retail Prices.

1. **General.**—This index measures the prices of food and groceries and the rent of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It was first compiled in respect of the year 1925, and index-numbers were retrospectively computed for the several earlier years shown below. It was designed to replace the "A" series index (food, groceries and rent of all houses), which was the original index first compiled by this Bureau in 1912. Owing, however, to the continued use of the latter index by Industrial Tribunals for the purpose of adjusting wages to variations in retail prices, the "B" series index never replaced the "A" series* in this connexion.

2. **Retail Price Index-Numbers: Capital Cities, 1907 to 1942.**—Index-numbers computed separately for each section of the regimen, and the weighted average for all sections together, for the capital city of each State are shown in the next table.

Retail Price Index-Numbers: Capital Cities. ("B" Series.)

The index-numbers given in the separate sections of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing and food and groceries, since each section or combination has its own base, viz., the weighted average cost for the six capital cities taken together during the five-yearly period 1923-1927 for that section or combination.

* The compilation of this index was discontinued after June quarter, 1938.

Retail Price Index-Numbers: Capital Cities—"B" Series—continued.
(Base of each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

TOWN.	1907.	1911.	1914.	1921.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
SECTION A.—GROCERIES.									
Sydney	510	574	627	1,115	887	994	969	989	1,082
Melbourne	461	521	562	1,070	835	957	928	924	1,034
Brisbane	547	614	607	1,105	871	944	943	957	1,066
Adelaide	510	541	598	1,076	831	939	914	932	1,073
Perth	572	720	628	1,103	897	966	941	983	1,048
Hobart	501	566	604	1,087	874	947	930	950	1,048
Weighted Average (a) ..	499	564	599	1,093	864	969	945	958	1,061

SECTION B.—DAIRY PRODUCE.									
Sydney	551	574	656	1,080	850	851	864	863	924
Melbourne	571	567	635	1,087	861	885	880	893	943
Brisbane	495	581	588	983	791	793	800	808	871
Adelaide	548	651	705	1,018	802	800	800	798	861
Perth	709	733	735	1,152	864	870	873	878	922
Hobart	564	587	695	1,091	802	844	855	873	932
Weighted Average (a) ..	563	591	654	1,072	843	853	857	862	919

SECTION C.—MEAT.									
Sydney	519	501	668	960	969	935	1,008	1,015	1,089
Melbourne	557	485	663	1,030	960	968	1,028	1,007	1,142
Brisbane	535	488	610	897	834	822	898	943	942
Adelaide	553	541	784	1,095	950	929	972	969	1,074
Perth	789	824	881	1,103	926	958	1,026	1,070	1,102
Hobart	668	638	780	1,244	957	961	1,041	1,082	1,149
Weighted Average (a) ..	558	522	691	1,010	948	936	1,002	1,006	1,092

SECTIONS A, B AND C COMBINED.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.									
Sydney	523	553	646	1,062	904	936	952	962	1,040
Melbourne	517	523	610	1,063	884	942	947	943	1,042
Brisbane	530	569	603	1,014	838	864	889	911	972
Adelaide	532	570	679	1,066	861	897	900	905	1,012
Perth	670	753	728	1,166	899	938	949	981	1,029
Hobart	565	592	678	1,133	880	923	944	970	1,047
Weighted Average (a) ..	533	559	640	1,064	886	927	939	947	1,031

SECTION D.—HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).									
Sydney	593	701	760	989	1,004	1,035	1,042	1,043	1,043
Melbourne	455	569	628	820	935	955	960	975	975
Brisbane	283	373	466	630	841	854	857	860	862
Adelaide	510	706	655	809	868	888	892	893	893
Perth	458	524	589	739	872	881	882	883	885
Hobart	405	452	518	881	913	925	933	933	933
Weighted Average (a) ..	497	612	662	862	942	965	973	976	976

ALL SECTIONS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING.									
Sydney	548	606	687	1,036	941	972	985	992	1,039
Melbourne	495	539	616	977	902	945	953	963	1,014
Brisbane	442	500	554	877	838	858	875	889	927
Adelaide	524	618	671	975	862	891	895	899	963
Perth	594	672	679	982	887	914	921	941	971
Hobart	508	542	621	1,044	891	922	938	953	1,000
Weighted Average (a) ..	520	578	648	992	906	939	950	956	1,007

(a) For Six Capital Cities.

3. **Retail Price Index-Numbers: Thirty Towns, 1938 to 1942.**—The following tables give index-numbers representing the variations in the prices of food and groceries (41 commodities) in 30 of the more important towns at yearly, quarterly and monthly intervals. In addition, index-numbers are given showing for the years specified the quarterly and yearly variations in house rents (4 and 5-rooms) and in the combined prices of food, groceries and housing.

Retail Price Index-Numbers ("B" Series).

(Base of each Section (a) : Weighted average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	NEW SOUTH WALES.						VICTORIA.					
	Sydney.	Newcastle.	Broken Hill.	Goulburn.	Bathurst.	Weighted Average, N.S.W.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Weighted Average, Victoria.
FOOD AND GROCERIES.												
1938 ..	904	925	1,092	933	898	909	884	882	889	889	891	884
1939 ..	936	965	1,106	991	940	942	942	939	930	946	955	942
1940 ..	952	985	1,009	1,003	951	958	947	935	949	939	955	946
1941 ..	962	1,000	1,134	1,010	955	969	943	930	954	928	946	942
1942 ..	1,040	1,074	1,244	1,095	1,033	1,047	1,042	1,017	1,038	1,002	1,018	1,033
1941 Mar. Qtr.	982	1,014	1,152	1,016	967	988	949	936	953	940	951	948
June ..	949	992	1,133	1,007	954	957	938	923	943	918	941	937
Sept. ..	947	987	1,114	1,000	941	954	937	926	949	919	941	936
Dec. ..	969	1,006	1,135	1,017	950	975	949	936	970	933	949	948
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,005	1,046	1,187	1,063	1,001	1,012	989	973	1,010	963	983	988
June ..	1,034	1,079	1,256	1,093	1,036	1,042	1,036	1,004	1,032	995	1,006	1,033
1941.												
January ..	1,005	1,025	1,160	1,028	980	1,009	969	958	968	956	968	968
February ..	973	1,013	1,151	1,012	962	979	943	928	950	936	948	943
March ..	968	1,004	1,145	1,008	953	975	935	923	942	928	938	935
April ..	963	999	1,147	1,011	961	970	946	923	946	927	943	944
May ..	948	993	1,131	1,008	955	956	936	924	942	910	943	935
June ..	936	983	1,121	1,002	946	944	932	921	941	908	939	931
July ..	941	982	1,115	1,001	941	948	925	916	940	908	936	925
August ..	945	983	1,111	1,000	938	952	940	930	953	921	943	939
September ..	955	996	1,116	1,001	942	962	945	931	956	927	944	944
October ..	968	1,006	1,122	1,009	949	974	949	934	969	933	948	948
November ..	965	1,004	1,135	1,015	951	972	944	935	969	930	949	944
December ..	973	1,009	1,148	1,029	968	980	953	939	973	937	951	952
1942												
January ..	987	1,031	1,167	1,047	981	994	970	963	1,000	954	975	970
February ..	1,006	1,049	1,178	1,057	1,001	1,013	990	975	1,008	962	986	989
March ..	1,021	1,057	1,216	1,086	1,021	1,028	1,008	980	1,022	974	995	1,006
April ..	1,035	1,075	1,253	1,093	1,036	1,043	1,018	995	1,028	984	1,005	1,016
May ..	1,031	1,071	1,255	1,093	1,036	1,039	1,026	992	1,027	987	1,001	1,023
June ..	1,035	1,074	1,260	1,094	1,035	1,043	1,063	1,024	1,040	1,014	1,012	1,059
HOUSING—(4 AND 5 ROOMS).												
1938 ..	1,004	860	730	873	822	985	935	695	709	851	915	917
1939 ..	1,035	890	764	871	843	1,015	955	714	731	876	921	938
1940 ..	1,042	900	778	872	845	1,023	999	705	735	884	933	950
1941 ..	1,043	901	773	879	845	1,024	975	706	738	892	939	956
1942 ..	1,043	902	758	881	844	1,024	975	709	742	890	937	956
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,043	901	779	875	845	1,024	976	705	737	892	938	957
June ..	1,043	901	772	880	845	1,024	974	705	737	892	939	956
Sept. ..	1,043	901	772	881	845	1,024	975	705	737	892	939	956
Dec. ..	1,044	902	770	880	846	1,025	975	708	739	891	941	956
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,045	902	767	881	844	1,026	975	708	741	890	942	957
June ..	1,043	902	760	881	844	1,024	975	709	742	890	936	956
FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING.												
1938 ..	941	898	948	908	867	937	902	808	817	872	898	895
1939 ..	972	934	970	942	900	969	945	849	851	917	940	938
1940 ..	985	950	953	950	908	980	953	843	864	915	944	946
1941 ..	992	959	991	957	910	988	953	841	868	922	941	946
1942 ..	1,039	1,005	1,052	1,009	957	1,036	1,014	894	920	956	984	1,005
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,003	968	1,004	959	917	999	957	844	867	919	944	950
June ..	984	954	990	955	909	981	950	836	861	906	938	942
Sept. ..	983	951	978	952	901	979	949	838	865	906	938	942
Dec. ..	996	963	990	962	911	992	957	845	878	915	944	949
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,018	987	1,020	990	937	1,013	982	867	903	933	966	974
June ..	1,035	1,007	1,060	1,008	959	1,033	1,010	887	910	952	976	1,001

(a) See explanatory note on page 9.

Retail Price Index-Numbers ("B" Series)—continued.

(Base of each Section (a) : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	QUEENSLAND.						SOUTH AUSTRALIA.					
	Brisbane.	Toowoomba.	Rockhampton.	Townsville.	Bundaberg.	Weighted Average, Queensland.	Adelaide.	Kadina, Moonta, and Wallaroo.	Port Pirie.	Mt. Gambler.	Peterborough.	Weighted Average, S.A.
FOOD AND GROCERIES.												
1938 ..	838	794	879	931	884	846	861	907	937	877	900	866
1939 ..	864	823	904	961	912	872	897	973	996	937	981	901
1940 ..	889	852	921	966	931	896	900	967	985	919	976	906
1941 ..	911	862	931	981	938	915	905	967	1,005	912	977	912
1942 ..	972	951	992	1,048	1,024	979	1,012	1,053	1,094	988	1,056	1,016
1941 Mar. Qtr.	933	878	952	1,004	969	936	918	970	995	922	980	923
June ..	899	851	924	972	952	904	897	958	1,002	911	970	904
Sept. ..	890	844	914	961	945	895	891	962	999	903	964	898
Dec. ..	920	876	935	987	967	924	915	979	1,025	913	995	921
1942 Mar. Qtr.	969	945	1,002	1,029	1,017	975	956	1,005	1,057	950	1,013	961
June ..	958	950	989	1,053	1,027	968	1,014	1,051	1,085	976	1,054	1,018
1941.												
January ..	956	918	968	1,014	981	959	908	973	995	927	984	914
February ..	926	860	949	1,009	970	930	926	972	993	924	980	930
March ..	916	855	939	990	957	920	920	966	998	915	977	925
April ..	912	855	928	977	955	915	908	953	996	913	968	913
May ..	899	851	927	971	954	904	895	953	1,006	912	974	902
June ..	887	846	916	968	948	893	889	966	1,005	908	968	897
July ..	885	843	912	961	943	891	884	960	997	902	963	891
August ..	890	841	910	960	943	894	890	961	993	904	961	897
September ..	896	848	918	962	948	900	900	965	1,006	902	968	906
October ..	912	856	930	974	956	915	905	969	1,012	905	973	911
November ..	920	879	935	985	970	924	912	978	1,023	912	1,006	918
December ..	930	892	940	1,002	975	934	927	990	1,039	920	1,005	933
1942.												
January ..	960	912	993	1,026	1,004	965	936	990	1,051	947	993	942
February ..	971	965	1,003	1,025	1,015	978	954	997	1,055	947	1,015	959
March ..	976	960	1,011	1,037	1,034	983	978	1,027	1,064	957	1,031	983
April ..	972	963	998	1,049	1,039	980	1,008	1,043	1,081	971	1,043	1,011
May ..	947	941	987	1,055	1,024	959	1,013	1,042	1,086	975	1,046	1,016
June ..	955	947	981	1,051	1,017	965	1,022	1,069	1,089	982	1,073	1,026

HOUSING—(4 AND 5 ROOMS).

1938 ..	841	834	744	857	626	828	868	386	689	687	739	843
1939 ..	854	847	753	861	640	840	888	388	710	686	753	862
1940 ..	857	852	755	861	642	843	892	387	716	692	773	866
1941 ..	860	854	763	863	647	846	893	385	714	712	767	867
1942 ..	862	858	766	865	655	849	893	381	713	715	755	866
1941 Mar. Qtr.	859	853	757	861	643	845	893	387	715	701	770	866
June ..	860	854	764	861	642	846	893	386	714	709	770	867
Sept. ..	859	855	764	864	649	846	893	384	714	718	766	866
Dec. ..	860	855	765	864	653	847	893	381	714	718	763	867
1942 Mar. Qtr.	861	856	764	866	655	848	892	381	713	715	758	866
June ..	862	858	766	865	652	849	893	380	713	715	754	866

FOOD, GROCERIES AND HOUSING.

1938 ..	838	806	825	900	781	837	862	702	838	801	836	855
1939 ..	858	830	843	920	804	858	891	743	882	838	890	885
1940 ..	875	849	854	925	817	873	895	739	877	828	895	888
1941 ..	889	857	863	933	835	886	899	738	889	832	893	892
1942 ..	927	913	901	974	878	926	963	789	943	879	936	955
1941 Mar. Qtr.	902	866	874	946	840	899	906	741	883	834	896	899
June ..	882	850	859	927	829	879	894	733	888	830	890	887
Sept. ..	876	846	853	921	827	874	890	734	885	829	885	884
Dec. ..	895	865	866	937	842	892	904	744	901	835	902	898
1942 Mar. Qtr.	925	909	907	963	874	923	929	759	920	856	912	922
June ..	918	912	900	977	878	919	964	787	938	872	934	956

(a) See note on page 9.

Retail Price Index-Numbers ("B" Series)—continued.

(Base of each Section (a): Weighted average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.						TASMANIA.							
	Perth.	Kalgoorlie.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	Weighted Average, W.A.	Hobart.	Launceston.	Burnie.	Devonport.	Queensdown.	Weighted Average, Tasmania.	Weighted Average, 6 Capital Cities.	Weighted Average, 20 Towns, Australia.
FOOD AND GROCERIES.														
1938 ..	890	1,049	935	918	925	911	880	889	916	908	975	889	886	890
1939 ..	938	1,092	972	967	947	951	923	914	941	933	1,018	925	927	931
1940 ..	949	1,104	986	960	952	961	944	933	961	959	1,029	945	939	942
1941 ..	981	1,153	1,039	996	1,000	995	970	951	999	984	1,037	968	947	951
1942 ..	1,029	1,176	1,078	1,034	1,043	1,041	1,047	1,008	1,055	1,034	1,079	1,035	1,031	1,033
1941 Mar. Qtr.	955	1,156	1,010	981	985	972	972	952	995	993	1,061	971	958	962
June ..	997	1,181	1,054	1,003	1,002	1,012	958	950	997	982	1,045	961	939	943
Sept. "	989	1,136	1,047	996	1,002	1,001	964	942	999	967	1,011	960	936	940
Dec. "	982	1,140	1,044	1,005	1,009	996	986	958	1,004	992	1,029	980	934	958
1942 Mar. Qtr.	992	1,150	1,055	1,008	1,017	1,005	1,009	978	1,014	1,004	1,049	1,001	991	995
June ..	1,028	1,171	1,084	1,037	1,045	1,040	1,036	1,006	1,040	1,030	1,065	1,028	1,025	1,028
1941.														
January ..	948	1,143	1,004	979	982	964	978	956	1,006	1,002	1,068	976	975	978
February ..	953	1,163	1,013	979	982	971	980	950	984	987	1,054	974	953	957
March ..	964	1,164	1,013	986	991	981	958	951	997	989	1,061	982	947	951
April ..	984	1,189	1,049	999	997	1,000	966	956	996	986	1,067	969	949	952
May ..	1,006	1,210	1,061	1,007	1,003	1,022	953	957	1,001	991	1,048	961	938	943
June ..	1,003	1,144	1,051	1,002	1,007	1,014	953	936	995	968	1,019	952	930	935
July ..	995	1,124	1,051	998	1,005	1,005	954	942	997	967	1,005	955	929	933
August ..	988	1,144	1,044	993	995	1,000	961	942	998	964	1,014	959	936	940
September ..	984	1,139	1,046	997	1,005	997	975	943	1,001	971	1,013	967	943	947
October ..	990	1,141	1,049	1,005	1,010	1,003	985	954	1,010	990	1,022	978	952	956
November ..	981	1,143	1,044	1,010	1,009	995	984	952	999	988	1,029	977	950	955
December ..	974	1,138	1,040	1,000	1,007	989	990	966	1,002	1,000	1,035	985	958	963
1942.														
January ..	982	1,146	1,040	1,000	1,008	996	1,002	974	1,004	993	1,048	995	974	979
February ..	992	1,145	1,056	1,006	1,019	1,005	1,011	975	1,015	1,006	1,045	1,001	991	996
March ..	1,002	1,159	1,067	1,018	1,024	1,015	1,013	985	1,022	1,013	1,055	1,006	1,007	1,010
April ..	1,016	1,164	1,078	1,030	1,031	1,029	1,029	1,000	1,028	1,029	1,059	1,021	1,019	1,023
May ..	1,028	1,170	1,086	1,036	1,052	1,040	1,037	1,004	1,038	1,032	1,066	1,027	1,019	1,023
June ..	1,041	1,179	1,089	1,044	1,051	1,052	1,043	1,014	1,054	1,029	1,070	1,035	1,036	1,038

HOUSING—(4 AND 5 ROOMS).

1938 ..	872	1,319	879	994	1,055	911	913	838	830	756	788	875	942	925
1939 ..	881	1,318	886	1,005	1,064	919	925	851	836	763	806	887	965	947
1940 ..	882	1,315	890	1,003	1,066	920	933	856	847	767	813	893	973	955
1941 ..	883	1,308	894	1,001	1,068	921	933	859	845	769	812	895	976	958
1942 ..	885	1,167	879	983	1,062	910	933	860	850	770	806	895	976	957
1941 Mar. Qtr.	882	1,313	893	1,000	1,066	920	933	858	842	769	812	894	976	958
June ..	883	1,311	893	1,002	1,066	920	933	858	842	768	812	894	976	958
Sept. "	884	1,309	894	1,000	1,069	921	933	859	847	770	812	895	976	958
Dec. "	884	1,299	895	1,000	1,070	921	933	859	847	770	812	895	976	958
1942 Mar. Qtr.	884	1,222	896	999	1,070	915	933	860	850	770	803	895	977	958
June ..	885	1,176	898	983	1,060	912	933	860	850	770	809	895	976	957

FOOD, GROCERIES AND HOUSING.

1938 ..	887	1,152	911	945	974	909	891	867	880	846	900	882	906	902
1939 ..	914	1,178	936	979	990	936	922	887	898	865	933	908	939	935
1940 ..	921	1,184	946	979	995	943	938	901	914	882	942	923	950	945
1941 ..	941	1,211	980	996	1,024	964	953	913	937	898	947	937	956	952
1942 ..	971	1,160	1,005	1,011	1,048	988	1,000	948	973	928	970	978	1,007	1,001
1941 Mar. Qtr.	925	1,215	962	986	1,015	949	954	913	934	903	961	939	963	958
June ..	951	1,229	989	1,000	1,025	974	946	912	935	896	952	933	951	947
Sept. "	946	1,201	985	996	1,025	967	949	908	937	888	931	932	949	945
Dec. "	942	1,200	984	1,001	1,030	964	993	917	940	904	942	945	960	950
1942 Mar. Qtr.	948	1,175	991	1,002	1,035	968	977	930	948	910	951	957	983	978
June ..	970	1,170	1,009	1,013	1,048	988	994	947	964	926	963	974	1,003	998

(a) See note on page 9.

§ 4. The All Items ("C" Series) Index of Retail Prices.

1. **General.**—This index measures the prices of food and groceries, rent of 4 and 5-roomed houses, clothing and miscellaneous household requirements, and for convenience of reference has been designated the "All Items" ("C" series) index. It has become more important in recent years because of its adoption by the Commonwealth Arbitration Court from 1st May, 1934, for the adjustment of wages controlled by that Court. It is used at present as the basis of the "Court" series of index-numbers adopted from July, 1937, by the same Court.

The compilation of this series was undertaken by the Bureau following a recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Basic Wage, which reported in 1920 and 1921. A short account of its inquiries and findings is contained in § 7 of this chapter. The Commission itself had collected data on prices in the capital cities for the month of November, 1914 to 1920 inclusive. In consequence, the Bureau commenced its own more comprehensive inquiries in the five principal towns of each State, as from November, 1921, and continued them at quarterly intervals thereafter.

2. **Retail Price Index-Numbers: Capital Cities, 1914 to 1920.**—The table published on page 24 gives index-numbers representing the variations in the prices, in each capital city, of (i) food and groceries; (ii) housing (4 and 5 rooms); (iii) food, groceries and housing combined; (iv) clothing; (v) miscellaneous household requirements, and (vi) all items of household consumption combined, in the years 1914 to 1920 inclusive. The index-numbers for the clothing and miscellaneous groups for these years were compiled from data collected by the Royal Commission on the Basic Wage.

3. **Retail Price Index-Numbers: Thirty Towns, November, 1914 to June Quarter 1942.**—The following tables give index-numbers representing the variations in the prices, in 30 of the more important towns, of (i) food and groceries; (ii) housing; (iii) food, groceries and housing combined; (iv) clothing; (v) miscellaneous requirements; and (vi) all items of household consumption combined.

Food and Groceries.—Retail Price Index-Numbers. ("C" Series.)
(Base: Weighted average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	NEW SOUTH WALES.						VICTORIA.					
	Sydney.	Newcastle.	Broken Hill.	Goulburn.	Bathurst.	Weighted Average, N.S.W.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Weighted Average, Victoria.
Nov. 1914 (a)	638	..	..	..	..	..	616	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	964	977	972	950	935	964	923	928	919	941	948	924
Year 1937 ..	868	880	1,001	874	855	872	836	857	851	834	834	837
" 1938 ..	904	925	1,092	933	898	909	884	882	889	889	891	884
" 1939 ..	936	965	1,106	991	940	942	942	939	930	946	955	942
" 1940 ..	952	985	1,069	1,003	951	958	947	935	949	939	955	946
" 1941 ..	962	1,000	1,134	1,010	955	969	943	930	954	928	946	942
" 1942 ..	1,040	1,074	1,244	1,095	1,033	1,047	1,042	1,017	1,038	1,002	1,018	1,039
1941 Mar. Qtr.	982	1,014	1,152	1,016	967	988	949	936	953	940	951	948
" June "	949	992	1,133	1,007	954	957	938	923	943	918	941	937
" Sept. "	947	987	1,114	1,000	941	954	937	926	949	919	941	936
" Dec. "	969	1,006	1,135	1,017	956	975	949	936	970	933	949	948
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,005	1,046	1,187	1,063	1,001	1,012	989	973	1,010	963	985	988
" June "	1,034	1,079	1,256	1,093	1,036	1,042	1,036	1,004	1,032	995	1,006	1,033

(a) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November, 1914 to 1920, see page 22.

Food and Groceries.—Retail Price Index-Numbers. ("C" Series)—*continued*.

(Base: Weighted average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

QUEENSLAND.												
Period.							SOUTH AUSTRALIA.					
	Brisbane.	Toowoomba.	Rockhampton.	Townsville.	Bundaberg.	Weighted Average, Queensland.	Adelaide.	Kadina, Moonta, and Wallaroo.	Port Pirie.	Mt. Gambler.	Peterborough.	Weighted Average, S.A.
Nov. 1914 (a)	614	895	949	983b	936c	950	663	945	968	923	997	943
" 1921 ..	955	895	949	983b	936c	950	941	945	968	923	997	943
Year 1937 ..	838	794	863	901	869	835	856	901	912	845	870	832
" 1938 ..	838	794	879	931	884	846	861	907	937	877	900	866
" 1939 ..	864	823	904	961	912	872	897	973	966	937	981	904
" 1940 ..	889	852	921	969	931	896	900	967	985	919	976	906
" 1941 ..	911	862	931	981	958	915	905	967	1,005	912	977	912
" 1942 ..	972	951	992	1,048	1,024	979	1,012	1,053	1,094	988	1,056	1,016
1941 Mar. Qtr.	933	878	952	1,004	969	936	918	970	995	922	980	923
" June "	899	851	924	972	952	904	897	958	1,002	911	970	904
" Sept. "	860	844	914	961	945	895	891	962	999	903	964	868
" Dec. "	920	876	935	987	967	924	915	979	1,025	913	995	921
1942 Mar. Qtr.	969	945	1,002	1,029	1,017	975	956	1,005	1,057	950	1,013	961
" June "	958	950	989	1,053	1,027	968	1,014	1,051	1,085	976	1,054	1,018

Period.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.						TASMANIA.							
	Perth and Fremantle.	Kalgoorlie and Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	Weighted Av'ge, W.A.	Hobart.	Launceston.	Burnie.	Devonport.	Queenstown.	Weighted Av'ge, Tas.	Weighted Average, Six Capital Cities.	Weighted Average, 30 Towns, Australia.
Nov. 1914 (a)	746						687						641	
" 1921 ..	1,005	1,120	1,054	1,049	1,031	1,033	1,027	958	1,108	996	1,077	1,011	950	954
Year 1937 ..	881	1,012	928	891	961	892	870	857	902	891	927	870	851	854
" 1938 ..	899	1,049	935	918	925	911	880	889	916	908	975	889	886	890
" 1939 ..	938	1,092	972	967	947	951	923	914	941	933	1,018	945	927	931
" 1940 ..	949	1,104	986	969	952	961	944	933	961	959	1,029	925	939	942
" 1941 ..	981	1,153	1,039	996	1,000	995	970	951	999	984	1,037	968	947	951
" 1942 ..	1,029	1,176	1,078	1,034	1,043	1,041	1,047	1,008	1,055	1,034	1,070	1,035	1,031	1,033
1941 Mar. Qtr.	955	1,156	1,010	981	985	972	972	952	995	993	1,061	971	958	962
" June "	997	1,181	1,054	1,003	1,002	1,012	958	950	997	982	1,045	961	939	943
" Sept. "	989	1,136	1,047	996	1,002	1,001	964	942	999	967	1,011	960	936	940
" Dec. "	982	1,140	1,044	1,005	1,009	996	986	958	1,004	992	1,029	980	954	958
1942 Mar. Qtr.	902	1,150	1,055	1,008	1,017	1,005	1,009	978	1,014	1,004	1,049	1,001	991	995
" June "	1,028	1,171	1,084	1,037	1,045	1,040	1,036	1,006	1,040	1,030	1,065	1,028	1,025	1,028

(a) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November 1914 to 1920, see page 22.

(b) Charters Towers.

(c) Warwick.

Housing (4 and 5 rooms)—Retail Price Index-Numbers. ("C" Series.)

(Base: Weighted average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	NEW SOUTH WALES.						VICTORIA.					
	Sydney.	Newcastle.	Broken Hill.	Goulburn.	Bathurst.	Weighted Average, N.S.W.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Weighted Average, Victoria.
Nov. 1914 (a)	758	885	559	881	596	966	668	479	527	668	685	789
" 1921 ..	1,000						845					
Year 1937	965	830	669	873	816	947	909	699	720	836	859	894
" 1938 ..	1,004	866	730	873	822	985	935	695	709	851	874	917
" 1939 ..	1,035	800	704	871	843	1,015	955	714	731	876	921	938
" 1940 ..	1,042	900	778	872	845	1,023	969	705	715	884	933	950
" 1941 ..	1,043	901	773	879	845	1,024	975	706	738	890	939	956
" 1942 ..	1,043	902	758	881	844	1,024	975	709	742	892	937	956
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,043	901	779	875	845	1,024	976	705	737	892	938	957
" June "	1,043	901	772	880	845	1,024	974	705	737	892	939	956
" Sept. "	1,043	901	772	881	845	1,024	975	705	737	892	939	956
" Dec. "	1,044	902	770	880	846	1,025	975	705	739	891	941	956
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,045	902	767	881	844	1,026	975	708	741	890	942	957
" June "	1,043	902	760	881	844	1,024	975	709	742	890	936	956

Period.	QUEENSLAND.					SOUTH AUSTRALIA.				
	Brisbane.	Toowoomba.	Rockhampton.	Townsville.	Bundaberg.	Weighted Average, Queensland.	Adelaide.	Kadina, Moonta, and Wallaroo.	Port Pirie.	Mt. Gambier.
Nov. 1914 (a)	463	547	470	528b	535c	594	611	566	603	492
" 1921 ..	623						819			
Year 1937	822	840	728	844	575	810	832	371	659	685
" 1938 ..	841	834	744	857	626	838	868	386	689	737
" 1939 ..	854	847	753	861	640	840	888	388	710	766
" 1940 ..	857	852	735	861	642	843	892	387	716	692
" 1941 ..	860	854	763	863	647	846	893	385	714	712
" 1942 ..	862	858	766	865	655	849	893	381	713	715
1941 Mar. Qtr.	859	853	757	861	643	845	893	387	715	701
" June "	860	854	764	861	642	846	893	386	714	709
" Sept. "	859	855	764	864	649	846	893	384	714	710
" Dec. "	860	855	765	864	653	847	893	381	714	718
1942 Mar. Qtr.	861	856	764	866	655	848	892	381	713	715
" June "	862	858	766	866	652	849	893	380	713	715

Period.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.					TASMANIA.				
	Perth and Fremantle.	Kalgoorlie and Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	Hobart.	Launceston.	Burnie.	Devonport.	Queenstown.
Nov. 1914 (a)	586	578	616	649	779	709	525	676	294	150
" 1921 ..	754									
Year 1937	861	1,309	860	983	1,064	901	809	846	816	723
" 1938 ..	872	1,319	879	994	1,055	911	838	830	756	788
" 1939 ..	881	1,318	886	1,005	1,064	910	851	836	763	806
" 1940 ..	882	1,315	890	1,003	1,066	910	856	847	767	806
" 1941 ..	883	1,308	894	1,001	1,068	921	850	845	769	806
" 1942 ..	885	1,307	879	983	1,062	910	860	850	770	806
1941 Mar. Qtr.	882	1,313	893	1,000	1,066	920	858	842	769	812
" June "	883	1,311	894	1,002	1,066	920	858	842	768	812
" Sept. "	884	1,309	894	1,000	1,066	921	859	847	770	812
" Dec. "	884	1,290	895	1,000	1,070	921	859	847	770	812
1942 Mar. Qtr.	885	1,222	896	999	1,070	915	860	850	770	809
" June "	884	1,176	896	983	1,060	913	860	850	770	809

Period.	Weighted Average, Six Capital Cities.					Weighted Average, 30 Towns, Australia.				
	Nov. 1914 (a)	1921 ..	Year 1937	1938 ..	1939 ..	1940 ..	1941 ..	1942 ..	1941 Mar. Qtr.	1942 Mar. Qtr.
Nov. 1914 (a)	586	578	616	649	779	709	525	676	294	150
" 1921 ..	754									
Year 1937	861	1,309	860	983	1,064	901	809	846	816	723
" 1938 ..	872	1,319	879	994	1,055	911	838	830	756	788
" 1939 ..	881	1,318	886	1,005	1,064	910	851	836	763	806
" 1940 ..	882	1,315	890	1,003	1,066	910	856	847	767	806
" 1941 ..	883	1,308	894	1,001	1,068	921	850	845	769	806
" 1942 ..	885	1,307	879	983	1,062	910	860	850	770	806
1941 Mar. Qtr.	882	1,313	893	1,000	1,066	920	858	842	769	812
" June "	883	1,311	894	1,002	1,066	920	858	842	768	812
" Sept. "	884	1,309	894	1,000	1,066	921	859	847	770	812
" Dec. "	884	1,290	895	1,000	1,070	921	859	847	770	812
1942 Mar. Qtr.	885	1,222	896	999	1,070	915	860	850	770	809
" June "	884	1,176	896	983	1,060	913	860	850	770	809

(a) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November 1914 to 1920, see page 22.

(b) Charters Towers.

(c) Warwick.

Food, Groceries and Housing Combined (4 and 5 rooms).—Retail Price Index-Numbers. ("B"(d) and "C" Series.)

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	NEW SOUTH WALES.						VICTORIA.					
	Sydney.	Newcastle.	Broken Hill.	Goulburn.	Bathurst.	Weighted Average, N.S.W.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Weighted Average, Victoria
Nov. 1914 (a)	680	..	..	..	..	..	613	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	977	944	825	926	815	965	895	769	780	844	855	876
Year 1937 ..	904	858	860	872	838	890	862	794	798	833	842	857
" 1938 ..	941	898	948	908	867	937	902	868	877	872	898	895
" 1939 ..	972	934	970	942	900	960	945	849	851	917	940	938
" 1940 ..	985	950	953	950	908	980	953	843	864	915	944	946
" 1941 ..	992	959	991	957	910	988	953	841	868	912	941	946
" 1942 ..	1,039	1,005	1,052	1,009	957	1,036	1,014	894	920	956	984	1,005
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,003	968	1,004	959	917	990	957	844	867	910	944	950
" June ..	984	954	990	955	909	981	957	836	861	906	938	942
" Sept. ..	983	951	978	952	901	979	949	838	865	906	938	942
" Dec. ..	996	963	990	962	911	992	957	845	878	915	944	949
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,018	987	1,020	990	937	1,015	982	867	903	933	966	974
" June ..	1,035	1,007	1,060	1,008	959	1,033	1,010	887	916	952	976	1,001
Period	QUEENSLAND.						SOUTH AUSTRALIA.					
	Brisbane.	Toowoomba.	Rockhampton.	Townsville.	Bundaberg.	Weighted Average, Queensland.	Adelaide.	Kadina, Moonta, and Wallaroo.	Port Pirie.	Mt. Gambier.	Peterborough.	Weighted Average, S.A.
Nov. 1914 (a)	560	..	..	..	..	..	658	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	840	771	779	820 ^b	794 ^c	824	898	811	839	770	844	885
Year 1937 ..	824	810	808	877	752	823	826	692	811	780	816	821
" 1938 ..	838	806	825	900	781	837	862	702	838	801	836	835
" 1939 ..	858	830	843	920	804	858	891	743	882	838	890	885
" 1940 ..	875	849	854	925	817	873	895	739	877	828	895	888
" 1941 ..	889	857	863	933	835	886	899	738	889	832	893	892
" 1942 ..	927	913	901	974	878	926	963	789	943	879	930	955
1941 Mar. Qtr.	902	866	874	946	840	899	906	741	883	834	896	899
" June ..	882	850	859	927	829	879	894	733	888	830	890	887
" Sept. ..	876	846	853	921	827	874	890	734	885	829	885	884
" Dec. ..	895	865	866	937	842	892	904	744	901	835	902	898
1942 Mar. Qtr.	925	909	907	963	874	923	929	759	920	856	912	922
" June ..	918	912	900	977	878	919	964	787	938	872	934	956
Period.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.						TASMANIA.					
	Perth and Fremantle.	Kalgoorlie and Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	Weighted Av'ge, W.A.	Hobart.	Launceston.	Burnie.	Devonport.	Queenstown.	Weighted Av'ge, Tas.
Nov. 1914 (a)	689	..	..	..	..	..	630	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	916	928	898	907	942	918	971	858	819	696	871	911
Year 1937 ..	871	1,126	899	924	990	894	879	843	866	824	874	865
" 1938 ..	887	1,152	911	945	974	909	891	867	880	846	900	882
" 1939 ..	914	1,178	936	970	900	936	922	887	898	865	933	906
" 1940 ..	921	1,184	946	979	995	943	938	901	914	882	942	923
" 1941 ..	911	1,211	980	995	1,024	964	953	913	937	898	947	937
" 1942 ..	971	1,160	1,005	1,011	1,048	988	1,000	948	973	928	970	978
1941 Mar. Qtr.	925	1,215	962	986	1,015	949	954	913	934	903	961	939
" June ..	951	1,229	989	1,000	1,025	974	946	912	935	896	952	933
" Sept. ..	946	1,201	985	996	1,025	967	949	908	937	888	931	932
" Dec. ..	942	1,200	984	1,001	1,030	964	963	917	940	942	942	945
1942 Mar. Qtr.	948	1,175	991	1,002	1,035	968	977	930	948	910	951	957
" June ..	970	1,170	1,009	1,013	1,048	988	994	917	954	926	963	974
											1,003	998

(a) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November, 1914, to 1920, see page 22.

(b) Charters Towers

(c) Warwick.

(d) The index-numbers in this table are the same as those of the "B" Series (p. 10).

Clothing.—Retail Price Index-Numbers. ("C" Series.)

(Base: *Weighted average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.*)

NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Period.	Sydney.	Newcastle.	Broken Hill.	Goulburn.	Bathurst.	Weighted Average, N.S.W.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.
Nov. 1914 (a)	755	..	..	..	..	1,264	780	1,599	1,570
" 1921 ..	1,235	1,327	1,269	1,374	1,261	1,271	1,271	1,599	1,570
Year 1927 ..	818	796	824	833	812	817	803	831	819
" 1928 ..	838	810	833	840	824	831	820	831	819
" 1929 ..	843	823	830	861	840	844	832	831	841
" 1930 ..	920	941	970	960	951	969	969	990	986
" 1931 ..	919	1,113	1,125	1,144	1,137	1,119	1,119	1,119	1,119
" 1932 ..	1,302	1,293	1,289	1,320	1,308	1,302	1,332	1,336	1,337
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,058	1,043	1,065	1,081	1,079	1,058	1,065	1,092	1,073
" June "	1,109	1,110	1,115	1,133	1,133	1,110	1,100	1,112	1,101
" Sept. "	1,169	1,127	1,135	1,153	1,146	1,138	1,142	1,144	1,127
" Dec. "	1,179	1,170	1,163	1,203	1,190	1,178	1,186	1,208	1,176
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,211	1,208	1,208	1,224	1,221	1,211	1,233	1,238	1,233
" June "	1,279	1,258	1,275	1,285	1,282	1,277	1,304	1,323	1,325
QUEENSLAND.									
Period.	Brisbane.	Toowoomba.	Rock-hampton.	Townsville.	Bundaberg.	Weighted Average, Queensland.	Adelaide.	Kadina, Moonta, and Wallaroo.	Port Pirie.
Nov. 1914 (a)	657	..	..	..	..	1,235	756	1,193	1,435
" 1921 ..	1,125	1,408	1,452	1,568	1,519	1,235	1,193	1,435	1,430
Year 1927 ..	794	805	826	812	806	799	821	864	817
" 1928 ..	823	826	840	823	821	825	857	882	846
" 1929 ..	840	838	856	832	832	845	863	882	844
" 1930 ..	952	951	973	968	956	952	967	940	943
" 1931 ..	1,118	1,121	1,121	1,140	1,126	1,120	1,120	1,090	1,073
" 1932 ..	1,289	1,297	1,323	1,312	1,308	1,294	1,290	1,247	1,273
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,037	1,050	1,074	1,063	1,048	1,043	1,052	1,025	1,043
" June "	1,103	1,110	1,132	1,123	1,116	1,107	1,115	1,074	1,102
" Sept. "	1,144	1,148	1,170	1,160	1,144	1,147	1,137	1,093	1,114
" Dec. "	1,186	1,177	1,204	1,214	1,194	1,189	1,182	1,109	1,161
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,213	1,214	1,254	1,242	1,233	1,219	1,205	1,184	1,180
" June "	1,265	1,276	1,299	1,282	1,285	1,277	1,291	1,231	1,263
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Period.	Perth and Fremantle.	Kalgoorlie and Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	Weighted Av'ge, W.A.	Hobart.	Launceston.	Burnie.
Nov. 1914 (a)	608	..	..	..	..	1,277	825	1,427	1,670
" 1921 ..	1,232	1,376	1,382	1,454	1,330	1,277	1,427	1,670	1,325
Year 1927 ..	806	832	819	828	827	809	821	823	820
" 1928 ..	823	846	835	845	841	826	820	830	832
" 1929 ..	832	855	842	840	847	834	830	835	845
" 1930 ..	926	950	933	938	936	929	956	964	947
" 1931 ..	1,008	1,132	1,108	1,108	1,101	1,101	1,123	1,120	1,114
" 1932 ..	1,283	1,269	1,269	1,247	1,261	1,280	1,308	1,284	1,271
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,029	1,059	1,036	1,045	1,037	1,032	1,050	1,069	1,041
" June "	1,073	1,111	1,089	1,093	1,086	1,079	1,123	1,117	1,103
" Sept. "	1,118	1,160	1,130	1,135	1,118	1,102	1,134	1,119	1,135
" Dec. "	1,169	1,199	1,178	1,160	1,166	1,171	1,184	1,160	1,148
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,189	1,209	1,190	1,175	1,186	1,190	1,221	1,196	1,181
" June "	1,263	1,248	1,243	1,214	1,229	1,260	1,281	1,262	1,257
TASMANIA.									
Period.	Perth and Fremantle.	Kalgoorlie and Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	Weighted Av'ge, W.A.	Hobart.	Launceston.	Burnie.
Nov. 1914 (a)	608	..	..	..	..	1,277	825	1,427	1,670
" 1921 ..	1,232	1,376	1,382	1,454	1,330	1,277	1,427	1,670	1,325
Year 1927 ..	806	832	819	828	827	809	821	823	820
" 1928 ..	823	846	835	845	841	826	820	830	832
" 1929 ..	832	855	842	840	847	834	830	835	845
" 1930 ..	926	950	933	938	936	929	956	964	947
" 1931 ..	1,008	1,132	1,108	1,108	1,101	1,101	1,123	1,120	1,114
" 1932 ..	1,283	1,269	1,269	1,247	1,261	1,280	1,308	1,284	1,271
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,029	1,059	1,036	1,045	1,037	1,032	1,050	1,069	1,041
" June "	1,073	1,111	1,089	1,093	1,086	1,079	1,123	1,117	1,103
" Sept. "	1,118	1,160	1,130	1,135	1,118	1,102	1,134	1,119	1,135
" Dec. "	1,169	1,199	1,178	1,160	1,166	1,171	1,184	1,160	1,148
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,189	1,209	1,190	1,175	1,186	1,190	1,221	1,196	1,181
" June "	1,263	1,248	1,243	1,214	1,229	1,260	1,281	1,262	1,257
Weighted Average, Six Capital Cities.						754	1,285		
Weighted Average, 30 Towns, Australia.						1,290	1,284		

(a) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November 1914 to 1920, see page 22. (b) Charters Towers. (c) Warwick.

Miscellaneous.—Retail Price Index-Numbers. ("C" Series.)
 (Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	NEW SOUTH WALES.						VICTORIA.					
	Sydney.	Newcastle.	Broken Hill.	Goulburn.	Bathurst.	Weighted Average, N.S.W.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Weighted Average, Victoria.
Nov. 1914 (a)	766	..	..	..	..	..	728	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	1,009	995	1,102	951	989	1,011	1,021	956	1,012	1,033	880	1,015
Year 1937 ..	939	895	1,061	901	902	937	978	1,006	1,011	995	953	980
" 1938 ..	936	903	1,053	909	892	935	982	1,006	1,011	994	954	983
" 1939 ..	940	901	1,048	908	888	938	977	990	1,004	980	951	978
" 1940 ..	984	948	1,101	942	936	982	1,000	1,023	1,037	1,011	985	1,010
" 1941 ..	1,051	990	1,159	1,006	999	1,048	1,066	1,024	1,062	1,049	1,067	1,067
" 1942 ..	1,105	1,018	1,214	1,069	1,049	1,100	1,115	1,146	1,154	1,122	1,102	1,117
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,030	988	1,141	995	983	1,029	1,047	1,060	1,076	1,042	1,024	1,047
" June ..	1,039	982	1,148	998	988	1,036	1,051	1,070	1,079	1,047	1,029	1,052
" Sept. ..	1,062	994	1,170	1,013	1,011	1,058	1,082	1,103	1,111	1,079	1,073	1,083
" Dec. ..	1,072	996	1,176	1,017	1,014	1,068	1,083	1,112	1,110	1,081	1,071	1,084
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,085	1,005	1,191	1,037	1,037	1,081	1,101	1,130	1,137	1,097	1,088	1,103
" June ..	1,089	1,006	1,206	1,067	1,036	1,085	1,104	1,133	1,141	1,099	1,085	1,106
Period.	QUEENSLAND.						SOUTH AUSTRALIA.					
	Brisbane.	Toowoomba.	Rockhampton.	Townsville.	Bundaberg.	Weighted Average, Queensland.	Adelaide.	Kadina, Moonta, and Wallaroo.	Port Pirie.	Mt. Gambier.	Peterborough.	Weighted Average, S.A.
Nov. 1914 (a)	728	..	..	..	..	..	770	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	944	953	1,002	1,009b	988c	958	1,033	1,065	1,065	1,032	1,000	1,036
Year 1937 ..	941	988	969	1,000	1,007	952	1,022	981	995	1,013	1,015	1,020
" 1938 ..	947	990	971	1,000	1,001	957	1,023	991	1,001	1,017	1,011	1,021
" 1939 ..	955	983	969	996	992	962	1,022	989	999	1,017	994	1,019
" 1940 ..	979	1,003	1,001	1,026	1,002	985	1,051	1,021	1,031	1,053	1,015	1,049
" 1941 ..	1,028	1,059	1,057	1,085	1,059	1,037	1,127	1,106	1,109	1,118	1,084	1,125
" 1942 ..	1,077	1,118	1,116	1,125	1,118	1,087	1,184	1,188	1,175	1,185	1,164	1,184
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,012	1,038	1,043	1,066	1,044	1,021	1,089	1,067	1,076	1,089	1,050	1,087
" June ..	1,020	1,052	1,051	1,074	1,052	1,029	1,109	1,087	1,090	1,104	1,060	1,107
" Sept. ..	1,036	1,069	1,067	1,099	1,069	1,046	1,152	1,128	1,132	1,139	1,103	1,150
" Dec. ..	1,043	1,078	1,066	1,099	1,072	1,052	1,156	1,140	1,137	1,141	1,121	1,155
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,060	1,095	1,099	1,112	1,102	1,070	1,175	1,176	1,160	1,159	1,137	1,174
" June ..	1,064	1,105	1,102	1,115	1,104	1,074	1,171	1,181	1,166	1,167	1,162	1,171
Period.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.						TASMANIA.					
	Perth and Fremantle.	Kalgoorlie and Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	Weighted Average, W.A.	Hobart.	Launceston.	Burnie.	Devonport.	Queenstown.	Weighted Average, Tas.
Nov. 1914 (a)	780	..	..	..	..	..	699	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	1,029	1,030	1,016	977	1,102	1,029	932	985	941	960	959	952
Year 1937 ..	946	971	953	903	1,058	950	939	947	860	876	854	933
" 1938 ..	949	968	953	909	1,053	951	933	939	866	867	843	927
" 1939 ..	954	974	948	912	1,034	956	938	947	874	882	881	934
" 1940 ..	985	1,006	975	942	1,053	987	969	973	904	898	919	963
" 1941 ..	1,043	1,068	1,035	992	1,111	1,044	1,015	1,068	938	936	967	1,005
" 1942 ..	1,093	1,122	1,096	1,032	1,160	1,095	1,065	1,050	960	963	999	1,049
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,023	1,049	1,013	980	1,097	1,025	999	1,003	937	934	960	994
" June ..	1,037	1,064	1,030	989	1,107	1,039	1,006	1,007	941	940	963	999
" Sept. ..	1,052	1,080	1,048	999	1,119	1,054	1,026	1,007	936	936	971	1,011
" Dec. ..	1,058	1,080	1,050	999	1,120	1,059	1,030	1,013	936	935	973	1,015
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,067	1,104	1,076	1,015	1,141	1,071	1,048	1,030	951	950	900	1,032
" June ..	1,080	1,109	1,088	1,022	1,151	1,082	1,058	1,034	951	951	988	1,039
Period.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.						TASMANIA.					
	Perth and Fremantle.	Kalgoorlie and Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	Weighted Average, W.A.	Hobart.	Launceston.	Burnie.	Devonport.	Queenstown.	Weighted Average, Tas.
Nov. 1914 (a)	780	..	..	..	..	..	699	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	1,029	1,030	1,016	977	1,102	1,029	932	985	941	960	959	952
Year 1937 ..	946	971	953	903	1,058	950	939	947	860	876	854	933
" 1938 ..	949	968	953	909	1,053	951	933	939	866	867	843	927
" 1939 ..	954	974	948	912	1,034	956	938	947	874	882	881	934
" 1940 ..	985	1,006	975	942	1,053	987	969	973	904	898	919	963
" 1941 ..	1,043	1,068	1,035	992	1,111	1,044	1,015	1,068	938	936	967	1,005
" 1942 ..	1,093	1,122	1,096	1,032	1,160	1,095	1,065	1,050	960	963	999	1,049
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,023	1,049	1,013	980	1,097	1,025	999	1,003	937	934	960	994
" June ..	1,037	1,064	1,030	989	1,107	1,039	1,006	1,007	941	940	963	999
" Sept. ..	1,052	1,080	1,048	999	1,119	1,054	1,026	1,007	936	936	971	1,011
" Dec. ..	1,058	1,080	1,050	999	1,120	1,059	1,030	1,013	936	935	973	1,015
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,067	1,104	1,076	1,015	1,141	1,071	1,048	1,030	951	950	900	1,032
" June ..	1,080	1,109	1,088	1,022	1,151	1,082	1,058	1,034	951	951	988	1,039

(a) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November 1914 to 1920, see page 22.

(b) Charters Towers.

(c) Warwick.

All Items of Household Expenditure.—Retail Price Index-Numbers. ("C" Series.)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	NEW SOUTH WALES.						VICTORIA.					
	Sydney.	Newcastle.	Broken Hill.	Goulburn.	Bathurst.	Weighted Average, N.S.W.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Weighted Average, Victoria.
Nov. 1914 (a)	712	..	..	..	..	..	671	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	1,046	1,041	975	1,033	947	1,042	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1937 ..	889	849	893	867	842	886	868	839	840	855	856	866
" 1938 ..	913	877	940	893	860	911	896	850	854	884	892	893
" 1939 ..	936	901	955	916	883	933	924	874	875	911	918	920
" 1940 ..	974	945	981	949	923	972	964	906	920	941	954	960
" 1941 ..	1,028	997	1,049	1,005	974	1,026	1,008	950	903	984	998	1,004
" 1942 ..	1,107	1,069	1,132	1,087	1,050	1,104	1,100	1,037	1,054	1,065	1,078	1,095
1941 Mar. Qtr.	1,018	986	1,041	990	963	1,015	996	936	949	974	984	992
" June ..	1,019	991	1,044	1,001	971	1,017	999	940	952	974	990	995
" Sept. "	1,027	996	1,045	1,005	973	1,025	1,009	952	966	986	1,002	1,005
" Dec. "	1,048	1,013	1,065	1,023	990	1,045	1,028	973	985	1,002	1,015	1,024
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,070	1,037	1,092	1,046	1,017	1,068	1,056	996	1,017	1,025	1,038	1,052
" June ..	1,096	1,060	1,132	1,078	1,043	1,094	1,089	1,026	1,046	1,052	1,066	1,085
Period.	QUEENSLAND.						SOUTH AUSTRALIA.					
	Brisbane.	Toowoomba.	Rockhampton.	Townsville.	Bundaberg.	Weighted Average, Queensland.	Adelaide.	Kadina, Mount, and Wallaroo.	Port Pirie.	Mt. Gambier.	Peterborough.	Weighted Average, S.A.
Nov. 1914 (a)	611	..	..	..	..	..	699	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	923	949	972	1,025	994	941	989	998	1,025	1,029	948	992
Year 1937 ..	837	840	840	883	809	840	859	769	844	830	851	855
" 1938 ..	852	843	853	902	831	854	888	786	868	849	868	883
" 1939 ..	870	858	867	918	847	871	906	810	896	872	897	902
" 1940 ..	908	898	905	950	879	909	936	833	919	894	924	931
" 1941 ..	963	951	959	1,004	938	964	988	882	976	946	974	983
" 1942 ..	1,033	1,033	1,032	1,075	1,015	1,035	1,075	962	1,057	1,024	1,053	1,069
1941 Mar. Qtr.	950	937	947	991	921	951	970	862	953	928	954	965
" June ..	954	943	953	995	931	955	981	872	971	941	967	976
" Sept. "	962	952	960	1,004	940	961	990	885	980	951	975	985
" Dec. "	985	972	976	1,025	960	985	1,010	909	1,000	965	1,000	1,006
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,011	1,008	1,017	1,050	993	1,013	1,024	928	1,021	987	1,013	1,029
" June ..	1,020	1,026	1,023	1,069	1,007	1,023	1,071	956	1,050	1,013	1,048	1,065
Period.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.						TASMANIA.					
	Perth.	Kalgoorlie.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	Weighted Average, W.A.	Hobart.	Launceston.	Burnie.	Devonport.	Queensdown.	Weighted Average, Six Capital Cities.
Nov. 1914 (a)	707	..	..	..	..	..	687	..	..	..	..	..
" 1921 ..	1,008	1,048	1,030	1,045	1,056	1,020	1,070	1,067	1,003	904	1,031	1,057
Year 1937 ..	869	1,030	890	897	970	884	875	856	854	833	857	866
" 1938 ..	882	1,048	900	914	957	897	887	872	865	848	875	879
" 1939 ..	901	1,066	915	936	965	915	908	888	879	861	903	898
" 1940 ..	932	1,099	947	962	990	946	945	926	917	896	936	936
" 1941 ..	993	1,165	1,017	1,018	1,055	1,008	1,001	974	971	951	987	984
" 1942 ..	1,061	1,175	1,079	1,065	1,114	1,070	1,078	1,040	1,035	1,012	1,045	1,060
1941 Mar. Qtr.	965	1,148	987	997	1,033	981	982	963	956	935	976	973
" June ..	993	1,177	1,017	1,017	1,052	1,008	994	973	971	953	991	985
" Sept. "	1,002	1,167	1,027	1,025	1,061	1,016	1,003	974	975	950	983	990
" Dec. "	1,012	1,175	1,075	1,034	1,075	1,026	1,023	987	983	967	999	1,007
1942 Mar. Qtr.	1,021	1,167	1,049	1,041	1,086	1,034	1,042	1,005	998	979	1,014	1,025
" June ..	1,054	1,174	1,074	1,057	1,106	1,064	1,068	1,031	1,024	1,005	1,032	1,051

(a) For index-numbers for Capital Cities, November 1914 to 1920, see p. 22.

(b) Charters Towers.

(c) Warwick.

§ 10. Increases in Retail Prices over War Periods.

I. **Australia.**—The following statement shows for the six Capitals separately, and as a whole, the percentage increases which have taken place in retail prices over the period since the outbreak of war, viz., from September quarter 1939, to the December quarter 1942, inclusive:—

Group.				"C" Series Index. Increase per cent.	"Group" Index. Increase per cent.
SYDNEY.					
Food	..	..	..	5.0	14.0
Rent	..	..	..	0.1	0.3
Clothing	..	..	..	12.9	64.3
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	4.0	21.4
Total	..	..	..	22.0	22.0
MELBOURNE.					
Food	..	..	..	5.4	14.7
Rent	..	..	..	0.4	1.8
Clothing	..	..	..	14.5	72.9
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	3.4	17.5
Total	..	..	..	23.7	23.7
BRISBANE.					
Food	..	..	..	5.0	14.3
Rent	..	..	..	0.2	0.8
Clothing	..	..	..	13.3	62.5
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	3.3	16.1
Total	..	..	..	21.8	21.8
ADELAIDE.					
Food	..	..	..	5.5	15.7
Rent	..	..	..	0.1	0.3
Clothing	..	..	..	12.3	57.6
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	3.9	18.5
Total	..	..	..	21.8	21.8
PERTH.					
Food	..	..	..	4.1	11.0
Rent	..	..	..	0.1	0.5
Clothing	..	..	..	12.8	62.1
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	3.6	18.3
Total	..	..	..	20.6	20.6
HOBART.					
Food	..	..	..	6.6	18.1
Rent	..	..	..	0.1	0.5
Clothing	..	..	..	13.1	62.4
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	3.2	16.5
Total	..	..	..	23.0	23.0

Group.					"C" Series Index. Increase per cent.	"Group" Index. Increase per cent.
SIX CAPITAL CITIES.						
Food	..	..	..	..	5.2	14.2
Rent	..	..	..	..	0.2	0.9
Clothing	..	..	..	..	13.4	66.0
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	3.7	19.0
Total	..	..	..	..	22.5	22.5

The figures under the heading "'C' Series Index Increase per cent." represent the percentage increase in the total "'C' Series Index attributable to each individual group. The figures under the heading "'Group' Index Increase per cent." represent the percentage increase in each group taken by itself. The increase of 22.5 per cent. in the total index is the result of weighting the increases in each group in the proportions adopted for purposes of the index (see page 7 of Labour Report No. 31 of 1940).

2. **International Comparisons.**—In the following table, comparisons are made for both the present and the last war of the increases which occurred in the several countries shown:—

Retail Price Index-Numbers.

(FOOD, RENT, CLOTHING, MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE.)

Date.	Australia.	Great Britain.	Canada.	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	United States of America.
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(A): 1914-1919.

	(a)				(b)	
1914 July	100	100	100	100	100(c)	100
1915 Year	114	125	97	108	103	102
1916 "	116	148	102	115	106	109
1917 "	123	180	130	125	114	128
1918 "	132	203	146	135	118	156
1919 "	149	208	155	145	126	175

(a) November.

(b) Food, Fuel, Light and Rent.

(c) Average for year 1914.

(B): 1939-1942 (December).

					(a)	
1939— September Quarter	100	100	100	100	100	100
1941— March	109	127	107	106	106	100
June	109	129	109	108	109	103
September	110	128	113	108	111	106
December	112	129	115	110	111	110
1942— March	115	129	115	109	115	112
June	118	128	115	110	117	115
September	121	129	117	112	119	117
December	123	129	118	114	121	119

(a) Food, Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Expenditure.

3. **Index-Numbers.**—Index-numbers for each group of commodities, as well as for all groups combined, are shown in the following table :—

Melbourne Wholesale Price Index-Numbers, 1861 to 1942.

(Base of each Group : Year 1911 = 1,000.)

Year.	I. Metals and Coal.	II. Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	III. Agricultural Produce, &c.	IV. Dairy Produce.	V. Groceries.	VI. Meat.	VII. Building Materials.	VIII. Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861 ..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871 ..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,229
1881 ..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891 ..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901 ..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902 ..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903 ..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904 ..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905 ..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906 ..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907 ..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908 ..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909 ..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910 ..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912 ..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913 ..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914 ..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915 ..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916 ..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917 ..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918 ..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919 ..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,808	2,055
1920 ..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921 ..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922 ..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923 ..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924 ..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925 ..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926 ..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927 ..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928 ..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929 ..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930 ..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,627	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931 ..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932 ..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933 ..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934 ..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935 ..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,480
1936 ..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,907	1,543
1937 ..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938 ..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939 ..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940 ..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941 ..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942 ..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,937	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977

NOTE.—The figures given in this table are comparable in the vertical columns, but are not directly comparable horizontally.

4. **Variations since 1914.**—The variations in the index-numbers of the separate commodity groups for the years 1915 to 1942, are shown in the following table, taking July, 1914, as base (= 1,000) for each group:—

Melbourne Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

(Base of each Group : July, 1914 = 1,000.)

Period.	I. Metals and Coal.	II. Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	III. Agri- cultural Produce, &c.	IV. Dairy Pro- duce.	V. Gro- ceries.	VI. Meat.	VII. Building Materials.	VIII. Chem- icals.	All Groups.
July, 1914 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Year 1915 ..	1,166	934	2,024	1,272	1,098	1,502	1,164	1,490	1,406
" 1916 ..	1,539	1,307	1,130	1,235	1,266	1,551	1,361	1,716	1,318
" 1917 ..	1,919	1,841	1,084	1,181	1,502	1,480	1,722	2,141	1,456
" 1918 ..	2,197	2,324	1,351	1,210	1,378	1,469	2,448	3,085	1,695
" 1919 ..	1,930	2,169	1,858	1,373	1,469	1,448	2,602	2,827	1,801
" 1920 ..	2,001	2,430	2,228	1,840	1,860	2,022	2,944	2,764	2,178
" 1921 ..	1,974	1,250	1,653	1,663	1,916	1,331	2,495	2,240	1,668
" 1922 ..	1,763	1,543	1,523	1,370	1,811	1,102	1,830	1,917	1,541
" 1923 ..	1,658	1,972	1,664	1,527	1,693	1,590	1,848	1,885	1,704
" 1924 ..	1,667	2,220	1,541	1,376	1,668	1,371	1,656	1,761	1,653
" 1925 ..	1,682	1,806	1,681	1,360	1,670	1,364	1,562	1,746	1,617
" 1926 ..	1,760	1,453	1,873	1,483	1,677	1,191	1,519	1,771	1,606
" 1927 ..	1,782	1,515	1,709	1,516	1,671	1,302	1,482	1,820	1,593
" 1928 ..	1,737	1,635	1,661	1,456	1,654	1,242	1,590	1,876	1,571
" 1929 ..	1,737	1,428	1,677	1,540	1,638	1,385	1,601	1,895	1,581
" 1930 ..	1,695	1,035	1,389	1,353	1,614	1,249	1,712	1,933	1,399
" 1931 ..	1,659	954	1,049	1,163	1,738	930	1,849	2,112	1,252
" 1932 ..	1,577	918	1,152	1,083	1,712	831	1,865	2,074	1,237
" 1933 ..	1,556	1,026	1,100	994	1,661	917	1,882	2,054	1,255
" 1934 ..	1,508	1,158	1,205	1,059	1,682	950	1,839	1,968	1,290
" 1935 ..	1,456	1,116	1,258	1,100	1,677	931	1,792	1,946	1,288
" 1936 ..	1,422	1,222	1,385	1,123	1,678	1,038	1,798	1,948	1,353
" 1937 ..	1,609	1,291	1,502	1,206	1,696	1,035	2,219	1,957	1,452
" 1938 ..	1,586	965	1,674	1,287	1,693	1,154	2,043	2,008	1,457
" 1939 ..	1,597	1,011	1,704	1,295	1,698	1,054	2,026	2,024	1,460
" 1940 ..	1,684	1,250	1,467	1,303	1,728	1,161	3,638	2,247	1,502
" 1941 ..	1,780	1,287	1,611	1,292	1,825	1,124	2,864	2,465	1,574
" 1942 ..	1,949	1,384	1,778	1,384	1,877	1,426	3,111	2,377	1,733

§ 2.—Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.

I. **General.**—As mentioned above, the Melbourne Wholesale Price Index was first computed in 1912. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 82 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present day consumption. Reference to the description of the index in § 1 above will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. It was resolved, therefore, at the Conference of Statisticians at Brisbane in 1930 that the time had come to revise and extend the items included in order to bring the index into line with changed conditions. An investigation to that end was commenced, and in the course of the past few years, many new price-series have been collected on a monthly basis back to January, 1928. Some of these have been incorporated in a new index of the prices of basic materials and foodstuffs, preliminary index-numbers of which are

currently published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*. Others are being incorporated in a number of "special-purpose" indexes, which it is hoped to publish in the future. Their construction has been delayed in order to make use, for weighting purposes, of the larger amount of information which is now becoming available as the result of the collection of more extensive statistics of factory production. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive. In the meantime, however, the original index has been continued on existing lines, as set out in § 1 of this chapter.

2. **Index-Numbers.**—Index-numbers for each group of commodities and for all groups combined for this new index of wholesale prices of basic materials and foodstuffs are given in the following table:—

Wholesale Price Index-Numbers—Basic Materials and Foodstuffs, 1928 to December, 1942.

(Base of each Group : Year 1928 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1929	1,000	1,019	831	977	769	980	1,070	1,011	1,033	1,028
1930	954	1,082	612	955	548	998	951	1,053	917	951
1931	890	1,116	575	979	581	1,012	812	1,119	791	873
1932	827	1,069	539	951	530	984	792	1,082	762	842
1933	818	882	621	949	564	995	778	1,009	746	812
1934	785	816	664	885	601	979	808	989	752	811
1935	740	877	620	817	593	971	849	1,025	761	827
1936	725	909	761	815	724	984	906	1,045	807	867
1937	791	952	872	817	889	1,102	929	1,126	843	914
1938	801	949	607	831	664	1,041	960	1,094	852	911
1939	814	972	650	835	764	1,047	954	1,111	856	918
1940	836	1,230	776	969	934	1,269	998	1,339	901	1,008
1941	880	1,342	820	1,061	982	1,368	1,044	1,562	908	1,069
1942	968	1,509	934	1,163	1,037	1,540	1,187	1,804	1,007	1,202
1941—										
January ..	846	1,289	789	1,020	948	1,346	1,052	1,486	914	1,055
February ..	847	1,287	788	1,020	941	1,347	1,012	1,492	885	1,034
March ..	847	1,288	803	1,022	950	1,347	1,004	1,492	880	1,030
April ..	856	1,329	812	1,022	973	1,347	1,007	1,513	885	1,039
May ..	858	1,329	828	1,022	1,024	1,371	1,006	1,534	883	1,043
June ..	858	1,330	830	1,022	979	1,371	1,009	1,536	884	1,044
July ..	884	1,331	812	1,022	983	1,374	1,042	1,551	908	1,065
August ..	887	1,355	822	1,042	982	1,374	1,072	1,561	931	1,086
September ..	917	1,377	831	1,123	982	1,374	1,085	1,612	940	1,104
October ..	917	1,381	842	1,123	984	1,382	1,085	1,633	935	1,106
November ..	917	1,406	845	1,146	1,012	1,391	1,087	1,673	931	1,113
December ..	923	1,404	841	1,146	1,031	1,391	1,067	1,661	923	1,104
1942—										
January ..	923	1,435	837	1,158	1,074	1,391	1,072	1,655	935	1,111
February ..	925	1,442	851	1,158	1,082	1,391	1,094	1,651	954	1,124
March ..	925	1,485	859	1,160	1,032	1,391	1,100	1,668	959	1,132
April ..	949	1,484	877	1,160	1,031	1,391	1,130	1,687	979	1,153
May ..	951	1,484	892	1,161	1,029	1,590	1,205	1,839	1,002	1,207
June ..	955	1,484	889	1,161	1,029	1,588	1,258	1,855	1,034	1,235
July ..	955	1,499	979	1,161	1,029	1,588	1,243	1,810	1,045	1,233
August ..	971	1,550	976	1,161	1,029	1,590	1,249	1,810	1,058	1,245
September ..	974	1,550	992	1,161	1,029	1,590	1,265	1,888	1,049	1,254
October ..	1,025	1,555	995	1,161	1,029	1,590	1,225	1,885	1,034	1,243
November ..	1,030	1,557	999	1,174	1,029	1,604	1,215	1,916	1,022	1,241
December ..	1,030	1,588	1,066	1,174	1,027	1,774	1,191	1,972	1,012	1,247

CHAPTER III.—WAGES.

§ 1. Operations Under Arbitration and Wages Board Acts and Industrial Legislation.

1. **General.**—Particulars regarding operations under the Commonwealth and State Laws for the regulation of wages and hours and conditions of labour were first compiled for the year 1913, and reviews to the end of each annual period appear in previous issues of the Labour Report and in the *Quarterly Summaries of Australian Statistics*.

2. **Laws Regulating Industrial Matters.**—The Laws in force regulating rates of wage, hours of labour, and working conditions generally in both Commonwealth and State jurisdictions are as follows :—

COMMONWEALTH.

Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1934.

National Security Act 1939-1940 and certain Regulations made thereunder.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1920-1934.

Industrial Board Ordinance, 1936-1940 (Australian Capital Territory).

STATES.

New South Wales .. Industrial Arbitration Act 1940 (Consolidated).

Victoria Factories and Shops Act 1928-1941.

Queensland Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1932-1938.

South Australia .. The Industrial Code 1920-1937.

Western Australia .. Industrial Arbitration Act 1912-1937.

Tasmania Wages Board Act 1920-1938.

§ 2. Rates of Wage and Hours of Labour.

1. **General.**—The collection of data respecting the nominal rates of wage payable in different callings and in occupations in various industries carried on in each State was first undertaken by this Bureau in the early part of the year 1913.

The results ascertained for the year 1913 were published in Labour Report No. 2, pp. 28-43. In the early part of the year 1914, the scope of the inquiry was considerably extended, and particulars included of the weekly rates of wage in respect of 930 specific occupations. The aggregate collection for the six States amounted to 4,256 adult occupations (3,948 male, and 308 female). The results obtained thereby to the 30th April, 1914, were published in Labour Report No. 5, pp. 44-50. These results were further analysed, and the average number of working hours which constituted a full week's work in each occupation was ascertained and weighted in a similar manner to the rates of wage. This course was adopted in order to overcome the difficulty of making comparisons between States of the rates of wage in any specified occupation, since, in many instances, a different number of working hours constituted a full week's work in different States. By dividing the weighted average number of working hours into the weighted average weekly rate of wage, a more satisfactory standard of comparison was ascertained. Results obtained from these computations were given for each industrial group for each State.

Since the 30th April, 1914, the number of occupations included in comparative computations has been kept constant, but the particulars of wages given in the Appendix (Sections IV. and V.) to this Report include all the more important occupations. In most instances these have been taken

from awards or determinations made by industrial tribunals, from agreements registered under Commonwealth or State Acts, or were obtained by direct inquiry.

To supplement the results thus obtained, investigations were made regarding rates of wage in past years with a view to showing their general trend in each State and in the several industrial groups. The total number of occupations for which particulars were available back to 1891 was 652.

The particulars given in this Chapter show variations in nominal wages from year to year in each State and in various industrial groups. Index-numbers are also given showing variations in effective wages in each State.

2. Adult Male Weekly Wages—States, 1914–1942.—The following table shows the weighted average nominal weekly rates of wage payable to adult male workers at the dates specified for a full week's work in each State and for Australia. Index-numbers are also given for each State with the average for Australia for the year 1911 as base (= 1,000) :—

Weekly Wage Rates: Adult Males, States.

Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work and Index-numbers of Wage Rates.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.
No. of Occupations included.	874	909	627	567	489	482	3,948

RATES OF WAGE.

		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
30th June, 1914	..	55 11	54 4	52 10	54 4	62 9	52 7	55 3
31st December, 1933	..	81 11	77 0	88 1	73 5	81 4	78 0	80 6
" " 1934	..	83 2	78 8	88 9	75 6	84 1	79 7	82 0
" " 1935	..	84 2	79 9	88 5	77 11	86 7	81 0	83 0
" " 1936	..	85 6	83 1	88 7	79 6	90 7	83 3	85 0
" " 1937	..	92 1	88 1	92 8	85 10	93 1	87 0	90 4
" " 1938	..	95 0	91 2	95 10	87 1	99 1	88 5	93 5
" " 1939	..	96 7	93 6	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" " 1940	..	99 7	97 0	97 9	92 11	104 0	92 7	98 1
" " 1941	..	105 4	104 5	101 9	100 3	110 2	99 3	104 3
31st March, 1942	..	109 7	106 11	103 8	102 1	110 10	102 6	107 2
30th June, 1942	..	111 3	109 4	106 2	103 5	110 11	104 1	109 0
30th September, 1942	..	114 0	112 6	108 6	105 8	114 9	106 9	111 10
31st December, 1942	..	118 3	116 7	110 2	112 3	117 7	108 2	115 8

INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base: Weighted Average Wage for Australia (51s. 3d.), 1911 = 1,000.)

		1,091	1,059	1,030	1,060	1,225	1,026	1,079
30th June, 1914	..	1,598	1,502	1,718	1,433	1,587	1,522	1,570
31st December, 1933	..	1,623	1,534	1,732	1,473	1,640	1,552	1,599
" " 1934	..	1,642	1,555	1,725	1,520	1,680	1,581	1,620
" " 1935	..	1,668	1,621	1,729	1,552	1,768	1,625	1,659
" " 1936	..	1,797	1,719	1,808	1,674	1,816	1,697	1,763
" " 1937	..	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823
" " 1938	..	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1939	..	1,943	1,892	1,908	1,812	2,029	1,807	1,913
" " 1940	..	2,056	2,037	1,985	1,957	2,149	1,937	2,034
" " 1941	..	2,138	2,086	2,023	1,992	2,162	2,001	2,091
31st March, 1942	..	2,171	2,133	2,072	2,018	2,164	2,031	2,127
30th June, 1942	..	2,224	2,194	2,117	2,061	2,239	2,084	2,182
30th September, 1942	..	2,308	2,275	2,150	2,189	2,294	2,111	2,257
31st December, 1942	..							

3. Adult Male Weekly Wages—Australia—Industrial Groups, 1914–1942.—The following table shows for Australia (a) the weighted average weekly rate of wage in each of the industrial groups, and (b) the weighted average wage for all groups combined, at the dates specified. Index-numbers are also given for each industrial group with the average for all groups for the year 1911 as base (= 1,000) :—

Weekly Wage Rates: Adult Males, Industrial Groups.

Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work and Index-Numbers of Wage Rates in each Industrial Group.

Date.	INDUSTRIAL GROUP.														
	I. Wood, Furni- ture, etc.	II. Engineer- ing, etc.	III. Food, Drink, etc.	IV. Clothing, Boots, etc.	V. Books, Printing, etc.	VI. Other Manu- factur- ing.	VII. Building.	VIII. Mining.	IX. Railways, etc.	X. Other Land Trans- port.	XI. Shipping, etc.(a)	XII. Agricul- tural, etc.(b)	XIII. Domestic, etc.(b)	XIV. Miscel- laneous.	All Industrial Groups.
RATES OF WAGE.															
30th June, 1914 ..	s. d. 59 2	s. d. 57 2	s. d. 55 2	s. d. 52 10	s. d. 63 9	s. d. 55 8	s. d. 65 4	s. d. 64 11	s. d. 59 8	s. d. 51 1	s. d. 48 7	s. d. 49 5	s. d. 47 0	s. d. 53 10	s. d. 55 3
31st December, 1933 ..	82 8	81 4	83 3	76 7	97 6	79 5	92 3	97 0	80 4	76 9	80 9	71 11	74 10	77 5	80 6
" " 1934 ..	85 4	83 2	83 8	79 11	99 6	81 4	93 8	97 7	82 8	78 9	84 8	73 4	75 9	78 7	82 0
" " 1935 ..	86 8	85 3	85 3	80 9	100 11	83 0	94 1	99 11	84 9	80 1	85 2	73 4	76 8	79 6	83 0
" " 1936 ..	88 3	86 10	87 3	81 4	104 4	85 2	95 7	101 0	86 0	81 8	86 8	75 9	70 1	82 2	85 0
" " 1937 ..	95 1	94 11	92 6	89 0	103 7	91 3	101 7	104 11	92 4	88 3	95 6	78 9	85 3	87 6	92 4
" " 1938 ..	98 2	97 8	95 2	91 9	112 0	94 4	104 6	108 2	95 5	91 7	97 6	82 3	88 3	90 5	93 5
" " 1939 ..	100 1	99 3	96 9	93 2	114 3	95 8	106 5	109 1	96 6	92 10	98 6	84 0	89 11	92 10	95 3
" " 1940 ..	102 11	102 5	99 3	96 4	116 0	99 0	109 11	111 10	100 3	96 3	102 6	85 8	93 0	96 3	98 1
31st March, 1941 ..	105 6	105 7	102 8	101 5	117 3	102 2	113 9	113 3	104 1	99 4	104 8	87 10	95 9	98 11	100 9
30th June, 1941 ..	107 4	106 7	103 4	103 1	118 3	104 2	114 9	114 2	106 3	99 11	105 7	88 5	96 1	99 6	101 8
30th September, 1941 ..	108 1	109 3	105 0	103 10	118 8	105 3	116 3	114 9	107 0	100 6	105 8	88 8	96 10	100 5	102 7
31st December, 1941 ..	108 5	110 0	106 1	105 7	119 6	107 0	116 11	115 1	108 8	101 11	106 9	93 6	97 10	101 2	104 3
31st December, 1942 ..	118 2	118 11	114 3	116 10	131 4	116 4	127 3	123 9	118 9	110 3	119 9	111 8	107 5	111 1	115 8

INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base: Weighted Average Wage for Australia (51s. 3d.), 1911 = 1,000.)

30th June, 1914 ..	1,134	1,116	1,077	1,031	1,243	1,086	1,275	1,267	1,164	997	948	954	918	1,050	1,079
31st December, 1933 ..	1,613	1,587	1,625	1,494	1,902	1,549	1,800	1,893	1,567	1,497	1,575	1,404	1,460	1,511	1,570
" " 1934 ..	1,664	1,623	1,633	1,559	1,942	1,587	1,828	1,904	1,613	1,537	1,652	1,431	1,478	1,532	1,599
" " 1935 ..	1,691	1,663	1,664	1,576	1,969	1,619	1,836	1,949	1,653	1,562	1,661	1,431	1,496	1,552	1,620
" " 1936 ..	1,722	1,694	1,702	1,587	2,035	1,661	1,866	1,971	1,677	1,593	1,690	1,478	1,543	1,603	1,659
" " 1937 ..	1,855	1,852	1,805	1,737	2,119	1,780	1,982	2,046	1,802	1,722	1,863	1,537	1,663	1,707	1,763
" " 1938 ..	1,916	1,906	1,847	1,790	2,185	1,846	2,030	2,111	1,862	1,787	1,902	1,604	1,720	1,764	1,823
" " 1939 ..	1,953	1,936	1,888	1,817	2,229	1,867	2,076	2,142	1,884	1,812	1,922	1,639	1,755	1,811	1,858
" " 1940 ..	2,008	1,998	1,937	1,880	2,264	1,931	2,145	2,182	1,957	1,878	2,001	1,671	1,815	1,878	1,913
31st March, 1941 ..	2,059	2,060	2,003	1,979	2,288	1,993	2,219	2,210	2,030	1,938	2,042	1,714	1,868	1,929	1,966
30th June, 1941 ..	2,095	2,079	2,017	2,012	2,308	2,033	2,239	2,227	2,073	1,949	2,060	1,725	1,876	1,942	1,984
30th September, 1941 ..	2,109	2,134	2,050	2,025	2,314	2,054	2,209	2,239	2,088	1,961	2,061	1,731	1,890	1,960	2,002
31st December, 1941 ..	2,116	2,147	2,071	2,060	2,332	2,088	2,282	2,245	2,121	1,989	2,082	1,825	1,908	1,974	2,034
31st December, 1942 ..	2,306	2,321	2,229	2,280	2,562	2,270	2,484	2,415	2,316	2,336	2,179	2,095	2,167	2,257	2,257

(a) Including the value of victualling and accommodation where supplied.

(b) Including the value of board and lodging where supplied.

4. **Adult Female Weekly Wages—States, 1914–1942.**—The index-numbers given in the preceding paragraphs for male adult workers were computed with the weighted average wage in 1911 as base (= 1,000). In the case of females, however, it has not been possible to secure information for years prior to 1914, and the index-numbers are therefore computed with the weighted average rate of wage payable to adult female workers in Australia at 30th April, 1914, as base (= 1,000).

The following table shows the weighted average nominal weekly rate of wage payable to adult female workers for a full week's work in each State and Australia at the dates specified. Index-numbers are also given for each State with the average for Australia at the 30th April, 1914, as base (= 1,000).

Weekly Wage Rates : Adult Females, States.

Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work and Index-numbers of Wage Rates.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aus- tralia.
No. of Occupations included	85	87	37	47	24	28	308

RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
30th June, 1914 ..	26 9	27 4	27 0	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 2
31st December, 1933 ..	43 2	42 9	46 9	41 0	48 4	43 2	43 5
" " 1934 ..	44 3	43 9	47 8	41 11	49 1	44 1	44 5
" " 1935 ..	44 11	44 2	48 0	42 5	49 1	44 10	45 0
" " 1936 ..	45 7	46 10	48 4	43 4	50 11	45 1	46 5
" " 1937 ..	50 2	49 2	51 4	46 10	51 0	48 6	49 8
" " 1938 ..	51 10	50 7	53 6	47 9	54 4	49 8	51 3
" " 1939 ..	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
" " 1940 ..	54 9	53 5	56 0	52 1	57 6	53 1	54 3
" " 1941 ..	57 11	58 4	59 6	55 5	60 4	56 7	58 2
31st March, 1942 ..	50 7	59 10	60 8	56 8	60 4	57 11	59 2
30th June, 1942 ..	60 10	61 2	62 3	57 5	60 4	58 10	60 10
30th September, 1942 ..	61 7	62 2	62 8	57 7	62 7	59 10	61 7
31st December, 1942 ..	63 10	64 11	66 4	60 3	64 2	61 3	64 4

INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : Weighted Average for Australia (27s. 2d.), 30th April, 1914, = 1,000.)

	984	1,006	993	885	1,373	950	1,000
30th June, 1914 ..	984	1,006	993	885	1,373	950	1,000
31st December, 1933 ..	1,580	1,573	1,720	1,510	1,778	1,587	1,569
" " 1934 ..	1,628	1,609	1,755	1,541	1,808	1,623	1,636
" " 1935 ..	1,654	1,626	1,767	1,561	1,808	1,651	1,655
" " 1936 ..	1,677	1,722	1,780	1,594	1,873	1,661	1,708
" " 1937 ..	1,848	1,810	1,889	1,724	1,877	1,785	1,828
" " 1938 ..	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758	2,000	1,828	1,887
" " 1939 ..	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1940 ..	2,016	1,966	2,060	1,916	2,116	1,954	1,996
" " 1941 ..	2,133	2,148	2,191	2,038	2,220	2,082	2,141
31st March, 1942 ..	2,194	2,201	2,233	2,085	2,220	2,130	2,178
30th June, 1942 ..	2,238	2,252	2,290	2,114	2,220	2,166	2,238
30th September, 1942 ..	2,266	2,287	2,305	2,121	2,303	2,202	2,268
31st December, 1942 ..	2,350	2,391	2,442	2,216	2,361	2,255	2,368

5. Adult Female Weekly Wages—Australia—Industrial Groups, 1914-1942.—The following table shows for Australia (a) the weighted average weekly rate of wage in each of the industrial groups in which females are mainly employed, and (b) the weighted average rate for all groups combined, at the dates specified. Index-numbers are also given for each industrial group with the average for all groups at 30th April, 1914, as base (= 1,000).

Weekly Wage Rates : Adult Females, Industrial Groups.

Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work and Index-numbers of Wage Rates in Industrial Groups.

Date.	INDUSTRIAL GROUP.					
	III. Food, Drink, etc.	IV. Clothing, Boots, etc.	I., II., V., and VI. All Other Manu- facturing.	XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.(a)	XIV. Miscel- laneous.	All Groups.

RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
30th June, 1914	22 6	24 9	26 11	31 1	30 2	27 2
31st December, 1933 ..	40 6	41 11	43 5	43 4	45 11	43 5
" " 1934 ..	40 8	43 6	44 2	45 11	47 2	44 5
" " 1935 ..	42 1	44 2	44 8	46 3	46 5	45 0
" " 1936 ..	43 1	44 9	45 8	47 1	50 9	46 5
" " 1937 ..	45 7	48 1	48 4	51 1	53 0	49 4
" " 1938 ..	47 1	49 9	50 6	52 11	54 6	51 3
" " 1939 ..	48 9	50 9	51 11	54 5	56 8	52 8
" " 1940 ..	50 0	52 6	53 8	55 10	57 11	54 4
31st March, 1941	51 6	54 9	54 9	57 6	59 0	56 0
30th June, 1941	52 1	55 9	56 2	57 8	59 0	56 8
30th September, 1941 ..	52 6	56 6	57 0	58 1	60 1	57 5
31st December, 1941 ..	53 5	57 4	58 0	58 9	60 7	58 2
31st December, 1942 ..	59 8	63 11	64 7	63 4	67 1	64 4

INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : Weighted Average for Australia (27s. 2d.), 30th April, 1914, = 1,000.)

30th June, 1914	828	911	991	1,144	1,110	1,000
31st December, 1933 ..	1,491	1,542	1,599	1,594	1,691	1,599
" " 1934 ..	1,497	1,601	1,626	1,689	1,737	1,636
" " 1935 ..	1,549	1,625	1,645	1,701	1,708	1,655
" " 1936 ..	1,585	1,646	1,680	1,734	1,867	1,708
" " 1937 ..	1,677	1,770	1,815	1,880	1,952	1,828
" " 1938 ..	1,732	1,831	1,859	1,947	2,004	1,887
" " 1939 ..	1,795	1,869	1,910	2,003	2,085	1,938
" " 1940 ..	1,841	1,932	1,975	2,056	2,132	1,996
31st March, 1941	1,897	2,015	2,014	2,117	2,170	2,061
30th June, 1941	1,917	2,053	2,066	2,122	2,170	2,086
30th September, 1941 ..	1,933	2,081	2,096	2,139	2,211	2,114
31st December, 1941 ..	1,967	2,110	2,134	2,163	2,229	2,141
31st December, 1942 ..	2,195	2,354	2,378	2,332	2,468	2,368

(a) Including the value of board and lodging where supplied.

6. Hours of Labour and Hourly Rates of Wage, 31st December, 1941.—(i) *General.*—The rates of wage referred to in the preceding paragraphs are the minima payable for a full week's work. The number of hours constituting a full week's work differs, however, in many instances, between various trades and occupations in each State, and between the same trades and occupations in the several States. To secure what may be for some

purposes a better comparison, the results in the preceding paragraphs are reduced to a common basis, namely, the rate of wage per hour in industrial groups in each State and in all States. In the Appendix (Sections IV. and V.) details are given of the number of hours worked per week in the various industries. The following tables include the average number of hours per week in industrial groups for each State.

The tables show (a) the average weekly wage, (b) the average number of working hours per week for a full week's work, and (c) the average hourly wage for adult male and female workers in each State and industrial group except Groups XI. (Shipping, etc.), and XII. (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). Many of the occupations included in the latter two groups are of a casual or seasonal nature, and the hours of labour are not generally regulated either by awards or determinations of industrial tribunals or in other ways. Hence the necessary definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available.

(ii) *Adult Males.*—The following table shows the average nominal weekly and hourly rates of wage payable to adult male workers and the weekly hours of labour at 31st December, 1941:—

Weekly and Hourly Wage Rates : Adult Males, Industrial Groups.

Average Rates of Wage Payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1941.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	111/10	106/5	109/2	103/2	107/8	104/6	108/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/6½	2/5	2/5½	2/4½	2/5½	2/4½	2/5½
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	111/3	108/5	112/1	106/6	115/1	109/11	110/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.32	44.00	44.00	44.04
	Hourly Wage	2/6½	2/5½	2/6½	2/4½	2/7½	2/6	2/6
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	108/8	104/1	106/8	102/11	107/6	97/10	106/1
	Working Hours	44.00	44.59	43.64	44.29	44.20	44.68	44.15
	Hourly Wage	2/5½	2/4	2/5½	2/4	2/5½	2/2½	2/4½
IV. Clothing, Boots, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	105/7	104/7	109/0	109/0	108/5	103/0	105/7
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/4½	2/4½	2/5½	2/5½	2/5½	2/4	2/4½
V. Books, Printing, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	124/1	115/10	115/1	112/2	135/2	114/1	119/6
	Working Hours	43.38	43.39	43.20	43.68	42.72	43.35	43.35
	Hourly Wage	2/10½	2/8	2/8	2/6½	3/2	2/7½	2/9
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	109/11	105/5	101/10	105/3	108/3	103/2	107/0
	Working Hours	43.98	43.81	43.97	44.25	44.00	44.18	43.95
	Hourly Wage	2/6	2/4½	2/3½	2/4½	2/5½	2/4	2/5½
VII. Building ..	Weekly Wage	118/5	120/2	109/7	112/3	116/7	109/6	116/11
	Working Hours	43.66	40.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/8½	2/9	2/6½	2/7½	2/5½	2/8½
VIII. Mining(c) ..	Weekly Wage	117/2	105/5	114/9	87/0	130/6b	103/10	115/1
	Working Hours	41.94	41.52	42.40	43.79	40.54	41.69	41.75
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/6½	2/8½	1/11½	3/2½	2/6	2/9½
IX. Rail and Tram Services ..	Weekly Wage	110/10	111/1	104/3	104/0	106/1	100/10	108/8
	Working Hours	43.81	43.85	44.00	43.94	43.79	44.00	43.86
	Hourly Wage	2/6½	2/6½	2/4½	2/4½	2/5	2/3½	2/5½
X. Other Land Transport ..	Weekly Wage	103/11	101/1	101/3	98/1	104/7	94/8	101/11
	Working Hours	44.00	44.27	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.08
	Hourly Wage	2/4½	2/3½	2/3½	2/2½	2/4½	2/1½	2/3½

(a) Weighted Average.

(b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

Weekly and Hourly Wage Rates: Adult Males, Industrial Groups—continued.

Average Rates of Wage Payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1941—continued.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia. (a)
XI. Shipping, etc.	Weekly Wage(b)	106/11	106/7	104/2	109/8	105/5	107/0	106/9
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.	Weekly Wage(c)	92/0	95/3	90/7	94/9	100/5	96/4	93/6
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	Weekly Wage(c)	99/8	99/10	95/4	95/8	96/10	72/11	97/10
	Working Hours	44.00	44.52	44.00	44.20	44.00	44.00	44.19
	Hourly Wage(c)	2/3½	2/3	2/2	2/2	2/2½	1/8	2/2½
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	Weekly Wage	101/10	102/9	100/5	95/10	102/2	95/3	101/2
	Working Hours	44.00	44.79	44.00	45.14	44.00	46.59	44.43
	Hourly Wage	2/3½	2/3½	2/3½	2/1½	2/3½	2/c½	2/3½
All Groups(a) ..	Weekly Wage	105/4	104/5	101/9	100/3	110/2	99/3	104/3
All Groups excepting XI and XII.(a)	Weekly Wage	108/8	106/4	105/9	101/3	112/5	100/2	107/0
	Working Hours	43.68	44.12	43.43	44.49	43.13	44.42	43.83
	Hourly Wage	2/5½	2/5	2/5½	2/3½	2/7½	2/3	2/5½

(a) Weighted average. (b) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation where provided. (c) Includes the value of board and lodging, where supplied, in order that the rate may be comparable with those paid in other industries.

(iii) *Adult Females*.—The following table shows the average nominal weekly and hourly rates of wage payable to adult female workers and the weekly hours of labour at 31st December, 1941:—

Weekly and Hourly Wage Rates: Adult Females, Industrial Groups.

Average Rates of Wage Payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1941.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia. (a)
III. Food, Drink, etc.	Weekly Wage	53/4	54/11	50/0	48/6	48/10	53/0	53/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/2½	1/3	1/1½	1/1½	1/1½	1/2½	1/2½
IV. Clothing, Boots, etc.	Weekly Wage	56/9	57/0	59/1	59/1	56/11	57/4	57/4
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/3½	1/3½	1/4	1/4	1/3½	1/3½	1/3½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	55/1	61/5	53/0	55/3	..	55/0	58/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	..	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/3	1/4½	1/2½	1/3	..	1/3	1/3½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	Weekly Wage(b)	56/6	62/4	58/11	50/4	64/1	55/9	58/9
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage(b)	1/3½	1/5	1/4	1/1½	1/5½	1/3½	1/4
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, etc.	Weekly Wage	63/3	58/8	63/6	53/0	..	..	60/7
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/5½	1/3½	1/5½	1/2½	..	..	1/4½
All Groups(a) ..	Weekly Wage	57/11	58/4	59/6	55/5	60/4	56/7	58/2
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/3½	1/3½	1/4½	1/3	1/4½	1/3½	1/3½

(a) Weighted Average. (b) Includes the value of board and lodging, where supplied, in order that the rate may be comparable with those paid in other industries.

NOTE.—Particulars as at 31st December, 1942, appear in *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, No. 171, March, 1943.

7. **Adult Male Weekly Wages—States, 1891 to 1942.**—The following table shows the weighted average nominal weekly rates of wage payable to adult male workers in each State from 1891 to 1942. The wages given in this table relate to the 31st December in each year. Index-numbers are also given for each State with the average for Australia in 1911 as base (= 1,000).

Weekly Wage Rates: Adult Males, States.

Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work and Index-numbers of Wage Rates.

State.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1914.	1920.	1929.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
RATES OF WAGE.													
N.S. Wales ..	s. 44 d. 13	s. 43 d. 11	s. 51 d. 5	s. 56 d. 2	s. 94 d. 0	s. 102 d. 11	s. 85 d. 6	s. 92 d. 1	s. 95 d. 0	s. 96 d. 7	s. 99 d. 7	s. 105 d. 4	s. 118 d. 3
Victoria ..	40	54	50	54	78	101	83	88	91	93	97	104	116
Queensland ..	46	46	51	53	51	61	88	92	95	107	97	101	110
S. Australia ..	41	74	51	54	58	87	79	68	85	108	92	111	120
W. Australia ..	52	43	11	59	62	108	90	83	93	100	104	110	117
Tasmania ..	38	63	10	41	52	83	83	87	88	89	92	99	108
Australia ..	43	54	51	55	78	101	85	90	93	95	98	104	115

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(Base : Weighted average for Australia (51s. 3d.) 1911 = 1,000.)

N.S. Wales ..	861	858	1,003	1,096	1,835	2,007	1,668	1,797	1,854	1,885	1,943	2,056	2,308
Victoria ..	789	796	985	1,065	1,679	1,972	1,621	1,719	1,780	1,823	1,892	2,037	2,275
Queensland ..	908	901	997	1,042	1,785	1,975	1,729	1,808	1,870	1,900	1,908	1,985	2,150
S. Australia ..	811	819	1,013	1,062	1,613	1,896	1,552	1,674	1,700	1,735	1,812	1,957	2,189
W. Australia ..	1,022	1,052	1,152	1,226	1,751	1,963	1,768	1,816	1,933	1,962	2,029	2,149	2,294
Tasmania ..	751	719	799	1,028	1,674	1,848	1,625	1,697	1,725	1,745	1,807	1,937	2,111
Australia ..	848	848	1,000	1,085	1,752	1,974	1,659	1,763	1,823	1,858	1,913	2,034	2,257

8. **Adult Male Weekly Wages—Australia—Industrial Groups, 1891 to 1942.**—The following table shows the weighted average nominal weekly wages payable in each industrial group in Australia. The wages relate to the 31st December in each year. Index-numbers are also given for each industrial group with the average for all groups in 1911 as base (= 1,000).

Weekly Wage Rates: Adult Males, Industrial Groups.

Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work and Index-numbers of Wage Rates.

Industrial Group.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1914.	1920.	1929.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
RATES OF WAGE.													
I. ..	s. 52 d. 5	s. 52 d. 3	s. 57 d. 8	s. 59 d. 6	s. 95 d. 1	s. 104 d. 10	s. 88 d. 3	s. 95 d. 1	s. 98 d. 2	s. 100 d. 1	s. 102 d. 11	s. 108 d. 5	s. 118 d. 2
II. ..	47	84	54	67	92	153	6	86	104	97	8	99	3
III. ..	38	24	75	95	8	89	3	100	10	87	3	92	6
IV. ..	36	8	36	35	0	86	5	99	6	81	4	89	0
V. ..	53	5	51	0	58	11	63	10	99	6	119	1	104
VI. ..	46	4	46	5	51	11	56	0	88	11	102	2	85
VII. ..	50	6	53	10	62	1	65	5	95	7	113	0	95
VIII. ..	58	1	54	8	61	2	65	2	103	10	110	7	01
IX. ..	50	10	52	4	57	0	59	8	93	1	105	2	86
X. ..	39	6	40	9	46	7	52	8	87	3	96	9	81
XI. ..	38	2	38	5	44	7	49	10	88	0	107	0	86
XII. ..	34	10	32	1	43	0	49	5	87	1	95	6	75
XIII. ..	32	10	30	8	45	5	47	11	80	6	92	6	79
XIV. ..	39	7	38	10	47	7	54	0	84	11	96	8	82
ALL GROUPS	43	54	51	55	78	101	85	90	93	95	98	104	115

Weekly Wage Rates : Adult Males, Industrial Groups—continued.

Industrial Group.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1914.	1920.	1929.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
INDEX-NUMBERS.													
(Base : Weighted average for Australia (51s. 3d.) 1911 = 1,000.)													
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	1,023	1,019	1,125	1,161	1,855	2,046	1,722	1,855	1,916	1,953	2,008	2,116	2,306
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc. ..	931	945	1,064	1,127	1,803	2,019	1,694	1,852	1,906	1,936	1,998	2,147	2,321
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	745	871	991	1,085	1,742	1,967	1,702	1,805	1,857	1,888	1,937	2,071	2,229
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	716	708	981	1,034	1,687	1,942	1,587	1,737	1,790	1,817	1,880	2,060	2,280
V. Books, Printing, etc.	1,043	996	1,149	1,246	1,941	2,323	2,035	2,119	2,185	2,220	2,264	2,332	2,562
VII. Other Manufacturing	904	907	1,013	1,093	1,736	1,994	1,661	1,780	1,840	1,867	1,931	2,088	2,270
VIII. Building ..	980	1,050	1,213	1,276	1,865	2,205	1,866	1,982	2,039	2,076	2,145	2,282	2,484
IX. Mining ..	1,134	1,067	1,194	1,272	2,026	2,157	1,971	2,046	2,111	2,142	2,182	2,245	2,415
X. Rail and Tram Services ..	992	1,021	1,113	1,165	1,816	2,052	1,677	1,802	1,862	1,884	1,957	2,121	2,316
XI. Other Land Transport	772	795	910	1,026	1,702	1,888	1,593	1,722	1,787	1,812	1,878	1,989	2,151
XII. Shipping, etc. ..	745	751	871	972	1,716	2,087	1,690	1,863	1,902	1,922	2,001	2,082	2,336
XIII. Agricultural, Pastoral, etc.	680	627	839	965	1,699	1,863	1,478	1,537	1,604	1,639	1,671	1,825	2,179
XIV. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	641	598	887	935	1,571	1,804	1,543	1,663	1,722	1,755	1,815	1,908	2,095
XV. Miscellaneous ..	773	759	929	1,054	1,656	1,888	1,603	1,707	1,764	1,811	1,878	1,974	2,167
All Groups ..	848	848	1,000	1,085	1,752	1,974	1,659	1,763	1,823	1,858	1,913	2,034	2,257

9. Adult Male Hourly Wages—States, 1914–1942.—The following table shows the weighted average nominal hourly rates of wage payable to adult male workers in each State at the dates specified. Index-numbers are also given for each State with the average for Australia at 30th April, 1914 as base (= 1,000).

Hourly Wage Rates : Adult Males, States. (a)

NOTE.—The rates of wage per hour are shown to the nearest farthing.

Weighted Average Nominal Hourly Rates payable and Index-numbers of Hourly Rates.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
RATES OF WAGE.							
30th April, 1914 ..	s. d. 1 2	s. d. 1 1½	s. d. 1 1½	s. d. 1 1½	s. d. 1 4½	s. d. 1 1	s. d. 1 2
31st December, 1921	2 1¼	2 0¼	2 2	1 10¾	2 1	1 11½	2 0¾
" " 1928	2 4	2 2	2 4	2 1	2 2½	2 0	2 3
" " 1929	2 4	2 2½	2 4	2 1½	2 2½	2 0½	2 3
" " 1932	1 11¾	1 8½	2 0½	1 7	1 10	1 8½	1 10
" " 1933	1 11	1 8	2 0½	1 7½	1 10	1 8½	1 9½
" " 1934	1 11½	1 8½	2 0½	1 7½	1 10½	1 8½	1 10½
" " 1935	1 11¾	1 9	2 1	1 8½	1 11½	1 9½	1 10½
" " 1936	2 0½	1 10	2 1	1 9	2 0½	1 9½	1 11½
" " 1937	2 2½	1 11½	2 2½	1 10½	2 1½	1 11	2 0½
" " 1938	2 3	2 0½	2 3	1 10¾	2 3½	1 11½	2 1½
" " 1939	2 3½	2 1½	2 3½	1 11½	2 4	2 0	2 2½
" " 1940	2 4½	2 2½	2 3½	2 1	2 5	2 1½	2 3½
" " 1941	2 5½	2 5	2 5½	2 3½	2 7½	2 3	2 5½
" " 1942	2 8½	2 8½	2 7½	2 6	2 9½	2 6½	2 8

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups excepting Groups XI. (Shipping, etc.), and XII. (Agricultural, Pastoral, etc.). Working hours have not been generally regulated by industrial tribunals for occupations classified in Industrial Groups XI. and XII.

Hourly Wage Rates : Adult Males, States—continued.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
INDEX-NUMBERS.							
(Base : Weighted Average for Australia (13.96d.) 30th April, 1914 = 1,000.)							
30th April, 1914 ..	998	980	963	991	1,170	933	1,000
31st December, 1921	1,817	1,741	1,865	1,637	1,796	1,675	1,779
" " 1928	2,004	1,867	2,001	1,788	1,916	1,728	1,928
" " 1929	2,011	1,895	2,001	1,808	1,923	1,751	1,940
" " 1932	1,701	1,451	1,748	1,355	1,584	1,464	1,584
" " 1933	1,655	1,438	1,775	1,372	1,571	1,463	1,567
" " 1934	1,676	1,484	1,782	1,410	1,624	1,494	1,594
" " 1935	1,703	1,496	1,782	1,476	1,689	1,519	1,623
" " 1936	1,731	1,567	1,787	1,500	1,776	1,552	1,670
" " 1937	1,878	1,676	1,875	1,602	1,804	1,643	1,779
" " 1938	1,935	1,741	1,934	1,638	1,968	1,671	1,840
" " 1939	1,963	1,834	1,979	1,692	2,001	1,717	1,903
" " 1940	2,038	1,920	1,986	1,796	2,080	1,805	1,973
" " 1941	2,138	2,071	2,092	1,956	2,240	1,938	2,098
" " 1942	2,339	2,302	2,232	2,153	2,381	2,165	2,295

10. Adult Female Hourly Wages—States, 1914 to 1942.—The following table shows the weighted average nominal hourly rates of wage payable to adult female workers in each State at the dates specified. Index-numbers are also given for each State with the average for Australia at 30th April, 1914 as base (= 1,000).

Hourly Wage Rates : Adult Females, States.

NOTE.—The rates of wage per hour are shown to the nearest farthing.

Weighted Average Nominal Hourly Rates payable and Index-numbers of Hourly Rates.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
RATES OF WAGE.							
30th April, 1914 ..	s. d. 0 6½	s. d. 0 6½	s. d. 0 6½	s. d. 0 5½	s. d. 0 9½	s. d. 0 6	s. d. 0 6½
31st December, 1921	1 1	1 0½	1 1½	0 11½	1 2½	1 0	1 0½
" " 1928	1 2½	1 2½	1 3	1 1½	1 3½	1 2	1 2½
" " 1929	1 2½	1 2½	1 3	1 1½	1 3½	1 2	1 2½
" " 1932	1 0½	0 11½	1 0½	0 10½	1 1	0 11½	0 11½
" " 1933	0 11½	0 11½	1 0½	0 10½	1 0½	0 11½	0 11½
" " 1934	1 0	0 11½	1 1	0 11½	1 1	0 11½	1 0
" " 1935	1 0½	0 11½	1 1	0 11½	1 1	0 11½	1 0
" " 1936	1 0½	1 0½	1 1½	0 11½	1 1½	1 0	1 0½
" " 1937	1 1½	1 1½	1 2	1 0½	1 1½	1 0½	1 1½
" " 1938	1 2½	1 1½	1 2½	1 0½	1 2½	1 1½	1 1½
" " 1939	1 2½	1 2	1 3	1 1	1 2½	1 1½	1 2½
" " 1940	1 3	1 2½	1 3½	1 1½	1 3½	1 2½	1 2½
" " 1941	1 3½	1 3½	1 4½	1 3	1 4½	1 3½	1 3½
" " 1942	1 5½	1 5½	1 6	1 4½	1 5½	1 4½	1 5½

Hourly Wage Rates : Adult Females, States—continued.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
INDEX-NUMBERS.							
(Base : Weighted Average for Australia (6.64d.), 30th April, 1914 = 1,000.)							
30th April, 1914 ..	980	1,021	976	881	1,386	920	1,000
31st December, 1921	1,965	1,878	1,989	1,770	2,215	1,794	1,923
" " 1928	2,205	2,140	2,250	2,003	2,333	2,092	2,172
" " 1929	2,218	2,154	2,252	2,015	2,333	2,108	2,182
" " 1932	1,837	1,711	1,863	1,605	1,967	1,700	1,777
" " 1933	1,776	1,700	1,919	1,611	1,916	1,691	1,752
" " 1934	1,819	1,738	1,956	1,699	1,947	1,730	1,797
" " 1935	1,848	1,758	1,971	1,721	1,947	1,759	1,818
" " 1936	1,875	1,883	1,985	1,700	2,018	1,803	1,881
" " 1937	2,066	1,985	2,107	1,839	1,990	1,938	2,017
" " 1938	2,134	2,050	2,196	1,878	2,164	1,991	2,084
" " 1939	2,193	2,107	2,267	1,952	2,217	2,032	2,145
" " 1940	2,256	2,184	2,298	2,069	2,361	2,181	2,220
" " 1941	2,387	2,387	2,444	2,274	2,477	2,324	2,387
" " 1942	2,630	2,657	2,726	2,473	2,636	2,517	2,642

II. Nominal Hours of Labour—Adult Males, States.—The following table shows the weighted average nominal hours of labour (exclusive of overtime) in a full working week for adult female workers in each State and Australia at 30th April, 1914, and at 31st December, 1921 to 1942. Index-numbers are given for each State with the weighted average hours of labour for Australia at 30th April, 1914, as base (= 1,000).

Hours of Labour (exclusive of Overtime) : Adult Males, States.(a)

Weighted Average Nominal Hours of Labour (exclusive of Overtime) worked during a Full Working Week.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
HOURS OF LABOUR.							
30th April, 1914 ..	49.42	48.80	48.78	48.60	47.78	48.62	48.93
31st December, 1921	45.66	46.95	45.52	47.07	46.24	46.84	46.22
" " 1928	44.17	46.70	43.96	46.67	45.30	46.85	45.27
" " 1929	44.14	46.83	43.96	46.83	45.58	47.09	45.34
" " 1932	44.19	46.86	44.99	46.83	45.51	46.75	45.49
" " 1933	44.23	46.82	44.00	46.83	45.51	46.77	45.36
" " 1934	44.23	46.82	44.00	46.83	45.51	46.77	45.36
" " 1935	44.18	46.69	43.69	46.63	45.48	46.75	45.26
" " 1936	44.08	46.41	43.69	46.55	45.30	46.33	45.09
" " 1937	44.07	46.22	43.68	46.57	45.25	46.24	45.03
" " 1938	44.01	45.75	43.67	46.31	44.34	46.00	44.82
" " 1939	43.92	44.61	43.46	45.83	44.33	45.33	44.29
" " 1940	43.70	44.28	43.46	45.23	44.09	44.92	44.04
" " 1941	43.68	44.12	43.43	44.49	43.13	44.42	43.83
" " 1942	43.52	43.94	43.32	44.25	43.11	43.51	43.65

(a) Weighted average working hours per week for all industrial groups excepting Groups XI (Shipping), and XII. (Agricultural, Pastoral, etc.). Working hours have not been generally regulated by industrial tribunals for occupations classified in Industrial Groups XI. and XII.

Hours of Labour (exclusive of Overtime): Adult Males, States—continued.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
INDEX-NUMBERS.							
(Base: Weighted Average for Australia (48.93), 30th April, 1914 = 1,000.)							
30th April, 1914 ..	1,010	997	997	993	976	994	1,000
31st December, 1921	933	960	930	962	945	957	945
" " 1928	903	954	898	954	926	957	925
" " 1929	902	957	898	957	932	962	927
" " 1932	903	958	919	957	930	955	930
" " 1933	904	957	899	957	930	956	927
" " 1934	904	957	899	957	930	956	927
" " 1935	903	954	893	953	929	955	925
" " 1936	901	948	893	951	926	947	922
" " 1937	901	945	893	952	925	945	920
" " 1938	899	935	893	946	906	940	916
" " 1939	898	912	888	937	906	926	905
" " 1940	893	905	888	924	901	918	900
" " 1941	893	902	888	909	881	908	896
" " 1942	889	898	885	904	881	889	892

12. Nominal Hours of Labour—Adult Females, States.—The following table shows the weighted average nominal hours of labour (exclusive of overtime) in a full working week for adult female workers in each State and Australia at 30th April, 1914, and at 31st December, 1921 to 1942. Index-numbers are given for each State with the weighted average hours of labour for Australia at 30th April, 1914, as base (= 1,000).

Hours of Labour (exclusive of Overtime): Adult Females, States.

Weighted Average Nominal Hours of Labour (exclusive of Overtime) worked during a Full Working Week.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
HOURS OF LABOUR.							
30th April, 1914 ..	49.34	48.54	49.32	49.33	48.69	50.76	49.08
31st December, 1921	45.06	46.04	45.66	46.10	45.97	47.86	45.69
" " 1928	43.93	45.40	44.01	46.03	45.57	46.07	44.79
" " 1929	43.93	45.40	44.01	46.03	45.57	46.07	44.79
" " 1932	43.93	45.44	44.56	46.03	45.57	46.07	44.88
" " 1933	43.93	45.44	44.03	46.03	45.57	46.07	44.81
" " 1934	43.93	45.44	44.03	46.03	45.57	46.07	44.81
" " 1935	43.93	45.44	44.03	46.03	45.57	46.07	44.81
" " 1936	43.93	44.94	44.03	46.03	45.57	45.24	44.60
" " 1937	43.92	44.76	44.03	46.02	45.57	45.24	44.52
" " 1938	43.88	44.63	44.03	45.96	45.38	45.10	44.44
" " 1939	43.88	44.42	44.01	45.96	45.38	45.10	44.36
" " 1940	43.88	44.19	44.01	45.47	44.00	44.00	44.15
" " 1941	43.88	44.19	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.03
" " 1942	43.88	44.19	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.03

Hours of Labour (exclusive of Overtime): Adult Females, States—*continued*.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
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INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base: Weighted average for Australia (49.08) 30th April, 1914 = 1,000.)

30th April, 1914 ..	1,005	989	1,005	1,005	992	1,034	1,000
31st December, 1921	918	938	930	939	937	975	931
" " 1928	895	925	897	938	928	939	913
" " 1929	895	925	897	938	928	939	913
" " 1932	895	926	908	938	928	939	914
" " 1933	895	926	897	938	928	939	913
" " 1934	895	926	897	938	928	939	913
" " 1935	895	926	897	938	928	939	913
" " 1936	895	916	897	938	928	922	909
" " 1937	895	912	897	938	928	922	907
" " 1938	894	909	897	936	925	919	905
" " 1939	894	905	897	936	925	919	904
" " 1940	894	900	897	926	896	896	900
" " 1941	894	900	896	896	896	896	897
" " 1942	894	900	896	896	896	896	897

13. **Nominal and Effective Wages.**—(i) *General.* Wages are said to be *nominal* when they represent the actual amounts of money received in return for labour, and are described as *effective* or *real* when expressed in terms of their equivalent purchasing power, that is, their purchasing power over some definite composite unit or regimen the cost of which can be ascertained at different times. The relation between *nominal* and *effective* or *real* wages was discussed at some length in Labour Report No. 6, and was also referred to in Labour Report No. 11.

Since it is possible to measure purchasing power over more than one composite unit or regimen it is equally possible to convert any given nominal wage series into more than one series of effective or real wages. Prior to 1936 it was the practice of the Bureau to compute effective wage index-numbers by dividing the nominal wage index-numbers by the corresponding retail price index-numbers for food, groceries and rent of all houses ("A" series). While wage-rates were generally varied on the basis of the "A" series index-numbers there was a good deal to be said for this procedure. When the Commonwealth Court abandoned the "A" series, the merits of the "C" series of retail price index-numbers for "deflating" nominal wage rates were strengthened. The "C" series covers food, groceries, rent of four and five-roomed houses, clothing and miscellaneous household requirements. As the computation of the "A" series index by this Bureau was discontinued after the June quarter, 1938, real wages to the end of 1937 are measured in terms of their purchasing power over both the "A" series regimen and the "C" series regimen* in the following tables and over the "C" series only for the subsequent years.

(ii) *Nominal Weekly Wage Index-numbers—Adult Males, States, 1901 to 1942.*—The following table shows for the period 1901 to 1942 the weighted average nominal weekly rates of wage in each State, the weighted average rate for Australia in 1911 being taken as the base (= 1,000). The index-numbers for 1901 and 1911 are based on rates current at the end of December, annual averages not being available. For 1914 and subsequent years, however, the index-numbers have been computed from the average of the rates current at the end of each quarter.

* For explanation of "A" and "C" series, see page 28.

Nominal Wage Index-Numbers: Adult Males, States.
(Base : Weighted Average Wage for Australia, 1911 = 1,000.)

State.	1901.	1911.	1914.	1921.	1929.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
N.S.Wales ..	858	1,003	1,093	1,862	2,012	1,617	1,631	1,654	1,723	1,829	1,874	1,920	2,024	2,210
Victoria ..	796	985	1,062	1,803	1,964	1,523	1,550	1,583	1,665	1,755	1,808	1,865	1,984	2,172
Queensland ..	901	997	1,035	1,879	1,976	1,727	1,731	1,728	1,774	1,854	1,885	1,903	1,981	2,091
S. Australia	819	1,013	1,061	1,697	1,891	1,458	1,493	1,533	1,608	1,688	1,725	1,764	1,897	2,065
W. Australia	1,052	1,152	1,223	1,832	1,960	1,619	1,689	1,730	1,790	1,876	1,956	1,999	2,106	2,215
Tasmania ..	719	799	1,027	1,745	1,840	1,540	1,571	1,610	1,656	1,718	1,738	1,787	1,895	2,057
Australia ..	848	1,000	1,081	1,826	1,972	1,590	1,612	1,638	1,707	1,799	1,846	1,889	1,997	2,164

(iii) *Effective or Real Wage Index-numbers—Adult Males, States—1901–1942.*—In obtaining the effective wage index-numbers in the following tables the nominal wage index-numbers shown above have been divided by the corresponding retail price index-numbers for the capital city and multiplied by 1,000.

The index-numbers for 1901 and 1911 which are based on nominal rates of wage current at the end of December may be taken as substantially accurate since the movement in wages during the course of any one year prior to 1914 was comparatively slight.

Effective or Real Wage Index-Numbers for Adult Males (Full Work) : Measured in terms of purchasing power over the "A" series regimen.

(Base : Weighted average real wage in Australia in 1911 = 1,000.)

State.	1901.	1911.	1914.	1921.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
N.S.Wales ..	961	973	906	1,079	1,089	1,050	1,107	1,160	1,150	1,138	1,101	1,095	1,090	1,107
Victoria ..	915	1,037	961	1,038	1,120	1,084	1,158	1,162	1,126	1,139	1,114	1,092	1,075	1,099
Queensland ..	1,172	1,090	1,038	1,244	1,236	1,220	1,317	1,345	1,376	1,417	1,377	1,321	1,261	1,237
S. Australia	948	957	929	1,027	1,089	1,067	1,166	1,178	1,133	1,152	1,144	1,149	1,143	1,131
W. Australia	1,024	1,023	1,070	1,139	1,156	1,143	1,229	1,232	1,212	1,246	1,221	1,260	1,251	1,253
Tasmania ..	827	838	942	977	1,099	1,064	1,111	1,104	1,067	1,094	1,086	1,099	1,094	1,088
Australia	964	1,000	948	1,076	1,115	1,082	1,152	1,185	1,168	1,178	1,148	1,135	1,121	1,133

Since the "C" series index-numbers were not compiled for periods prior to November, 1914, it has been assumed for the purpose of the following table that fluctuations between 1911 (the base of the table) and 1914 in the "C" series would have been similar to the fluctuations observed in the "A" series.

Effective or Real Wage Index-Numbers for Adult Males (Full Work): Measured in terms of purchasing power over the "C" series regimen.

(Base : Weighted average real wage in Australia in 1911 = 1,000.)

State.	1911.	1914.	1921.	1928.	1929.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
N.S.Wales	925	1,073	1,159	1,130	1,157	1,153	1,150	1,168	1,207	1,207	1,187	1,187	1,204
Victoria	954	1,084	1,188	1,164	1,146	1,134	1,131	1,155	1,180	1,180	1,167	1,187	1,190
Queensland	1,022	1,227	1,206	1,200	1,369	1,338	1,296	1,277	1,311	1,306	1,264	1,240	1,221
S. Australia	..	914	1,034	1,106	1,099	1,091	1,097	1,101	1,128	1,146	1,147	1,136	1,158	1,159
W. Australia	..	1,043	1,096	1,155	1,152	1,177	1,221	1,210	1,242	1,281	1,308	1,293	1,279	1,259
Tasmania	902	984	1,123	1,108	1,109	1,115	1,128	1,141	1,167	1,153	1,139	1,142	1,150
Australia ..	1,000	948	1,087	1,172	1,151	1,173	1,169	1,162	1,178	1,209	1,211	1,190	1,194	1,196

In the above tables the *effective* wage index-numbers are computed to the one base, that of Australia for 1911. As the index-numbers are comparable in all respects, comparisons may be made as to the increase or decrease in the *effective* wage index-number for any State over any period of years.

(iv) *Effective or Real Wage Index-numbers—Adult Males, Australia—1901-1942.* In the following table similar index-numbers are given for Australia as a whole under both the "A" and "C" series. These are obtained by dividing the nominal wage index-numbers for Australia for the year concerned by the corresponding retail price index-numbers for the six capital cities and multiplying by 1,000.

Nominal and Effective or Real Wage Index-Numbers for Adult Males (Full Work).^(a)
(Base: Weighted average real wage in Australia in 1911 = 1,000.)

Year.	Nominal Weekly Wage Index-numbers.	Retail Price Index-numbers.		Effective or Real Wage Index-numbers, i.e., relative purchasing power over regimen of—	
		"A" Series (Food, Groceries and Rent of All Houses).	"C" Series (All Items).	"A" Series.	"C" Series.
1901..	848	880	..	964	..
1910..	955	970	..	985	..
1911..	1,000	1,000	(1,000)	1,000	(1,000)
1912..	1,051	1,101	..	955	..
1913..	1,076	1,104	..	975	..
1914..	1,081	1,140	1,140	948	948
1915..	1,092	1,278	1,297	854	842
1916..	1,144	1,324	1,319	864	867
1917..	1,226	1,318	1,406	930	872
1918..	1,270	1,362	1,501	932	846
1919..	1,370	1,510	1,695	907	808
1920..	1,627	1,785	1,935	911	841
1921..	1,826	1,697	1,680	1,076	1,087
1922..	1,801	1,600	1,619	1,126	1,112
1923..	1,805	1,700	1,664	1,062	1,085
1924..	1,840	1,681	1,637	1,095	1,124
1925..	1,861	1,722	1,654	1,081	1,125
1926..	1,914	1,786	1,677	1,072	1,141
1927..	1,946	1,766	1,662	1,102	1,171
1928..	1,963	1,760	1,675	1,115	1,172
1929..	1,972	1,822	1,713	1,082	1,151
1930..	1,939	1,683	1,618	1,152	1,198
1931..	1,752	1,479	1,448	1,185	1,210
1932..	1,639	1,403	1,377	1,168	1,190
1933..	1,584	1,345	1,335	1,178	1,187
1934..	1,590	1,385	1,355	1,148	1,173
1935..	1,612	1,420	1,380	1,135	1,169
1936..	1,638	1,461	1,409	1,121	1,162
1937..	1,707	1,507	1,448	1,133	1,178
1938..	1,799	(b)	1,488	(b)	1,209
1939..	1,846	(b)	1,526	(b)	1,211
1940..	1,889	(b)	1,588	(b)	1,190
1941..	1,997	(b)	1,673	(b)	1,194
1942..	2,164	(b)	1,809	(b)	1,196

(a) As to the effect in abnormal periods, see page 20 of Labour Report No. 6. (b) Not available.

NOTE.—For years prior to 1914 the nominal wage index-numbers relate to the end of the year only but from 1914 onward these figures, in addition to those for retail prices, are averages for the whole year.

The *effective* or *real* wage in 1901 under the "A" series was 3.6 per cent. less than in 1911. During the period 1912 to 1920, while wages increased steadily, prices increased at a greater rate, with the result that the purchasing power of wages under both the "A" and the "C" series was less in each of these years than in 1911. The first occasion on which the *effective* wage was higher than in 1911 was in the year 1921.

In 1937, the last complete year for which both "A" and "C" series of retail price index-numbers are available, the *effective* wage was 13.1 per cent. higher than in 1911 under the "A" series and 17.7 per cent. under the "C" series.

Retail prices rose in 1942, but as nominal wages rose to a greater extent than prices, the *effective* wage index-number rose from 1,194 to 1,196 under the "C" series.

14. Productive Activity.—The preceding tables show the movement in *real* (or *effective*) wages, i.e., wages measured in series of retail purchasing power. A parallel problem is the measure of productivity, i.e., the quantity of production (irrespective of prices) in relation to population or persons engaged in production.

The following table shows the total recorded value of production valued as in the principal markets as ascertained from various sources during the years specified:—

Estimated Gross Value of Australian Production.

Year.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry and Bee Farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing. (a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1906 ..	25,349	45,389	13,611	4,879	26,643	31,172	147,043
1911 ..	38,774	52,729	20,154	5,868	23,303	47,531	188,359
1913 ..	46,162	63,146	21,682	6,626	25,594	57,674	220,884
1914 ..	36,052	67,085	22,504	6,853	22,054	59,004	213,552
1916 ..	61,255	83,054	27,931	6,062	23,192	60,502	261,996
1920-21 ..	112,801	90,641	52,613	11,136	21,675	101,778	390,644
1921-22 ..	81,890	75,054	44,417	10,519	20,029	112,517	344,426
1922-23 ..	84,183	97,127	43,542	11,124	20,281	123,188	379,445
1923-24 ..	81,166	110,216	42,112	11,866	22,184	132,732	400,276
1924-25 ..	107,163	127,301	45,190	12,357	24,592	137,977	454,580
1925-26 ..	89,267	113,556	48,278	12,784	24,529	143,256	431,670
1926-27 ..	98,295	111,716	46,980	12,790	23,939	153,634	447,354
1927-28 ..	84,328	124,554	50,261	12,181	23,015	158,562	452,901
1928-29 ..	89,440	116,733	50,717	11,617	19,539	159,759	447,805
1929-30 ..	77,109	84,563	49,398	11,371	17,912	149,184	389,537
1930-31 ..	70,500	69,499	43,067	8,313	15,361	112,966	319,706
1931-32 ..	74,489	61,540	41,478	7,703	13,352	106,456	305,018
1932-33 ..	75,562	64,851	39,622	8,470	15,583	114,136	318,224
1933-34 ..	70,731	95,613	40,306	9,605	17,608	123,355	357,218
1934-35 ..	68,587	74,556	44,763	10,856	19,949	137,638	356,349
1935-36 ..	75,388	91,286	47,533	11,424	23,248	155,891	404,770
1936-37 ..	91,403	105,499	49,886	11,765	27,381	170,811	456,745
1937-38 ..	93,229	100,794	57,641	14,755	32,434	188,061	486,914
1938-39 ..	76,851	84,895	60,404	14,634	32,463	195,746	464,993
1939-40 ..	95,369	104,972	62,070	15,347	36,839	212,488	527,085
1940-41 ..	71,398	111,232	62,523	16,847	40,003	248,751	559,754

(a) Net Values.

In the absence of a satisfactory measure of the total *quantity* of recorded production, the retail price index-numbers have been applied to the value of production, in the same manner as they have been applied to nominal wages, to measure their relative purchasing power. The results may be taken to indicate the purchasing power in retail prices of the things produced and for convenience will hereafter be called *real* production. Owing to the discontinuance in 1938 of the "A" series retail price index-number it is not now possible to continue the measurement on the basis of this series.

The interpretation of the two tables which follow is explained on page 64 of the Labour Report, No. 31, of 1940.

Production per Head of Population.

Year.	Gross Value of Material Production.			Retail Price Index-Numbers (a) 1911=1,000.		Real Production per head of population (1911=100) measured in purchasing power over regimen of—	
	Total.	Per head of population.					
		Actual.	Index-Number. 1911=100				
				"A" Series.	"C" Series.	"A" Series.	"C" Series.
	£'000.	£					
1906 ..	147,043	35.9	87	902	..	97	..
1911 ..	188,359	41.2	100	1,000	(1,000)	100	100
1913 ..	220,884	45.1	110	1,104	..	99	..
1914 ..	213,552	43.0	104	1,140	1,140	92	92
1916 ..	261,996	53.3	129	1,324	1,319	98	98
1919-20..	343,697	64.9	158	1,624	1,695	97	93
1920-21..	390,644	72.2	175	1,821	1,935	96	91
1921-22..	344,426	62.5	152	1,600	1,680	95	90
1922-23..	379,445	67.4	163	1,642	1,619	100	101
1923-24..	400,276	69.6	169	1,714	1,664	99	102
1924-25..	454,580	77.3	188	1,690	1,637	111	115
1925-26..	431,670	72.0	175	1,766	1,673	99	104
1926-27..	447,354	73.1	178	1,763	1,663	101	107
1927-28..	452,901	72.5	176	1,776	1,676	99	105
1928-29..	447,805	70.5	171	1,785	1,693	96	101
1929-30..	389,537	60.6	147	1,783	1,688	83	87
1930-31..	319,706	49.2	120	1,574	1,528	76	78
1931-32..	305,018	46.5	113	1,432	1,406	79	80
1932-33..	318,224	48.2	117	1,358	1,344	86	87
1933-34..	357,218	53.7	130	1,365	1,344	96	97
1934-35..	356,349	53.2	129	1,399	1,366	92	95
1935-36..	404,770	60.0	146	1,437	1,392	101	105
1936-37..	456,745	67.1	163	1,489	1,431	110	114
1937-38..	486,914	70.9	172	1,530	1,467	112	117
1938-39..	464,993	67.1	163	(b)	1,512	(b)	108
1939-40..	527,085	75.4	183	(b)	1,545	(b)	119
1940-41..	550,754	77.9	189	(b)	1,634	(b)	116

(a) For explanation of "A" and "C" series, see page 28.

(b) Not available.

Production per Person Engaged.

Year.		Number engaged in Material Production.(a)	Value of Material Production per person engaged in Production.(a)		Real Production per person engaged (1911=100) measured in retail purchasing power over regimen of—(b)	
			Actual.	Index-Number. 1911=100.	"A" Series.	"C" Series.
		£'000.	£			
1906..	..	659	223	87	96	..
1911..	..	728	257	100	100	100
1913..	..	756	290	113	102	..
1914..	..	733	289	113	99	99
1916..	..	685	381	148	112	112
1920-21	..	760	510	199	109	103
1921-22	..	775	441	172	107	102
1922-23	..	793	475	185	113	114
1923-24	..	810	491	191	111	115
1924-25	..	826	547	213	126	130
1925-26	..	831	515	201	114	120
1926-27	..	841	527	205	116	123
1927-28	..	838	536	209	118	125
1928-29	..	830	536	209	117	123
1929-30	..	803	482	187	105	110
1930-31	..	728	431	168	108	112
1931-32	..	741	411	160	112	114
1932-33	..	781	407	158	117	118
1933-34	..	815	437	170	125	126
1934-35	..	862	412	160	115	117
1935-36	..	901	448	174	121	125
1936-37	..	930	491	191	128	134
1937-38	..	961	504	196	128	134
1938-39	..	962	481	187	(c)	124
1939-40	..	979	536	209	(c)	135
1940-41	..	1,016	538	210	(c)	128

(a) *Vide* following explanatory remarks. (b) For explanation of "A" and "C" Series, see page 28.

(c) Not available.

The data for the preceding table are not complete. The numbers engaged in timber-getting are not accurately known, so that the value of production on this account, and the corresponding persons engaged, are both left out of account. Further, the information about women engaged in primary production is unsatisfactory, so that males alone are counted in primary industries. In manufacturing, the numbers are converted into equivalent male workers on the basis of relative wages for male and female workers. The column headed "number engaged" is, therefore, rather an index than the absolute number of individuals occupied in material production, but as an index, it should be accurate enough to give a satisfactory index of production per person engaged.

CHAPTER IV.—EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

§ 1. Employment.

1. **Direct Measures of Employment.**—The following estimates of the numbers of male and female wage and salary earners in employment are based on data from the Census of 1933, the National Register, 1939, and Pay-roll Tax returns which commenced in July, 1941. The estimates include all persons fully employed and those normally occupied as casual, part-time, intermittent and seasonal workers. Wage earners unemployed in the sense that they are incapacitated or have no work to go to are excluded. Employees absent in the defence forces and Government "relief" workers are also excluded from the figures.

Wage and Salary Earners in Employment : States.

Excluding Rural Workers, Domestic Workers in Private Homes, and Persons on Paid Strength of Defence Forces.)

(Thousands).

Year and Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
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MALES.

1939—July	535.6	362.6	173.3	107.3	83.9	37.7	1,306.0
1941—July	560.9	404.9	170.7	119.5	81.2	40.0	1,385.1
November	569.4	401.7	170.9	123.1	82.5	40.7	1,396.2
1942—July	542.9	368.7	175.0	117.9	69.5	37.7	1,317.7
November	535.9	358.8	173.9	115.9	69.0	37.3	1,297.1
1943—May	532.0	355.3	170.5	113.3	69.2	37.6	1,283.9

FEMALES.

1939—July	160.7	138.5	51.1	32.3	25.3	11.5	420.5
1941—July	208.5	169.8	54.6	40.1	26.9	13.6	515.2
November	217.8	176.9	56.7	42.9	28.1	13.4	537.4
1942—July	226.3	185.3	62.7	50.0	29.5	14.6	569.8
November	234.4	186.8	66.1	50.3	30.6	14.4	584.2
1943—May	241.2	189.9	68.9	51.9	32.4	15.5	601.4

TOTAL.

1939—July	696.3	501.1	224.4	139.6	109.2	49.2	1,726.5
1941—July	769.4	574.7	225.3	159.6	108.1	53.6	1,900.3
November	787.2	578.6	227.6	166.0	110.6	54.1	1,933.6
1942—July	769.2	554.0	237.7	167.9	99.0	52.3	1,887.5
November	770.3	545.6	240.0	166.2	99.6	51.7	1,881.3
1943—May	773.2	545.2	239.4	165.2	101.6	53.1	1,885.3

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

Fuller particulars of employment from month to month by industry are shown in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

2. **Index of Employment in Factories.**—This index is available monthly from July, 1933. "Factories" include all industrial establishments in which four or more hands are employed, or in which power other than hand is used. Up to June, 1942, the index is based on the results of annual factory censuses, and actual mid-monthly factory employment of all persons is published in the *Production Bulletin* No. 34, Part I., issued by this Bureau. Estimated employment in later months, subject to subsequent revision, may be obtained from the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

3. **Index of Employment in Retail Stores.**—This index is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*. From July, 1933, to June, 1941, it was based on a sample of retail stores. From July, 1941, the index of employment in retail stores has been replaced by a new series based on the actual employees engaged by proprietors of retail stores who pay Pay-roll tax. The base of the new series is July, 1941, which equals 1,000 in each State, and the Australian average is based on the total number of employees of such Pay-roll taxpayers in all States.

§ 2. Unemployment.

1. **Total Persons Unemployed.**—Estimates of total unemployment as at the Censuses of 1911, 1921 and 1933 together with estimates of the proportion of unemployed as at the date of the National Register, July, 1939, and in July, 1941, were published on page 88 of Labour Report No. 31. In 1942 and 1943 the number of unemployed was virtually nil except for those incapacitated by illness, infirmity, &c.

2. **Unemployment in Trade Unions.**—(i) *General.*—The collection by this Bureau of information relating to unemployment amongst trade unionists was initiated in 1912, when special inquiries were forwarded to officials of trade unions throughout Australia for particulars for that year, and for information relating to previous years, as far back as 1891.

From 1913, information concerning the extent of unemployment of trade unionists has been collected at quarterly periods, and the results of the investigations have been published in the *Official Year Book, Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, and the Labour Reports. Seasonal fluctuations in unemployment have been recorded by collecting returns quarterly since 1st January, 1913. The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter and exclude persons out of work through strikes and lock-outs except those outside the industry who are indirectly affected. The yearly figures quoted represent the average of the four quarters.

The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment amongst trade unionists as reported by the secretaries of trade unions.

(ii) *Australia*, 1891 to 1942 (December Quarter).—The following table gives particulars for Australia for the years 1891 to 1942 (December Quarter) in respect of :—

- (a) The number of unions for which returns as to unemployment are available, (b) The number of members of such unions, (c) The number of members unemployed, and (d) The percentage of members unemployed on total number of members.

Unemployment : Australia.

PARTICULARS.				UNEMPLOYED.	
				Number.	Percentage.
1891 (end of year)	..	25	6,445	599	9.3
1896 " "	..	25	4,227	457	10.8
1901 " "	..	39	8,710	574	6.6
1907 " "	..	51	13,179	757	5.7
1908 " "	..	68	18,685	1,117	6.0
1909 " "	..	84	21,122	1,223	5.8
1910 " "	..	109	32,995	1,857	5.6
1911 " "	..	160	67,961	3,171	4.7
1912 " "	..	464	224,023	12,441	5.6
1913 (average for year)	..	462	246,068	16,054	6.5
1914 " "	..	459	268,938	22,344	8.3
1915 " "	..	470	276,215	25,663	9.3
1916 " "	..	473	290,075	16,783	5.8
1917 " "	..	450	286,811	20,334	7.1
1918 " "	..	478	299,793	17,536	5.8
1919 " "	..	464	310,145	20,507	6.6
1920 " "	..	447	341,967	22,105	6.5
1921 " "	..	449	361,744	40,549	11.2
1922 " "	..	445	380,998	35,238	9.3
1923 " "	..	436	376,557	26,672	7.1
1924 " "	..	413	397,613	35,507	8.9
1925 " "	..	380	391,380	34,620	8.8
1926 " "	..	374	415,397	29,326	7.1
1927 " "	..	375	445,985	31,032	7.0
1928 " "	..	375	423,422	45,669	10.8
1929 " "	..	382	424,093	47,359	11.1
1930 " "	..	395	438,874	84,767	19.3
1931 " "	..	397	430,004	117,866	27.4
1932 " "	..	395	415,434	120,454	29.0
1933 " "	..	394	415,305	104,035	25.1
1934 " "	..	394	424,035	86,865	20.5
1935 " "	..	396	435,938	71,823	16.5

Unemployment : Australia—continued.

PARTICULARS.	Unions.	Number of Members.	UNEMPLOYED.	
			Number.	Percentage.
1936 (average for year) ..	392	441,311	53,992	12.2
1937 " " ..	387	449,588	41,823	9.3
1938 " " ..	390	466,325	40,138	8.7
1939 " " ..	396	476,918	45,967	9.7
1940 " " ..	394	491,352	39,116	8.0
1941 " " ..	395	536,660	20,013	3.7
1942 " " ..	393	613,534	9,754	1.6
1940 March " ..	394	483,806	38,307	7.9
June " ..	388	475,815	49,775	10.5
September " ..	397	496,872	36,892	7.4
December " ..	396	508,914	31,491	6.2
1941 March " ..	398	514,379	27,286	5.3
June " ..	395	517,696	18,595	3.6
September " ..	394	541,883	17,541	3.2
December " ..	394	572,680	16,628	2.9
1942 March " ..	394	588,525	10,767	1.8
June " ..	394	603,066	10,296	1.7
September " ..	394	617,076	9,603	1.6
December " ..	394	645,467	8,350	1.3

(iii) *Australia, by Industries, 1941.*—The next table shows the percentages unemployed in industrial groups. Industries or occupations in which employment is stable, such as railways, and those which are subject to exceptional fluctuations, such as wharf labour, agricultural, pastoral, etc., are not included. Other occupations—domestic, hotel employees, etc.—are included in the "Other and Miscellaneous" group, as their returns are not sufficiently representative.

Unemployment in Industrial Groups : Australia, 1941.

Industrial Group.	Number Reporting.		Unemployed.	
	Unions.	Members.	Number.	Percentage.
Manufacturing—				
I. Wood, Furniture, etc. ..	16	19,716	422	2.1
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc. ..	64	121,583	2,460	2.0
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc. ..	54	40,805	3,430	8.4
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc. ..	22	48,077	913	1.9
V. Books, Printing, etc. ..	12	22,562	293	1.3
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	64	63,408	2,268	3.6
VII. Building ..	46	50,420	2,637	5.2
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc. ..	22	28,330	2,044	7.2
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services	14	20,679	896	4.3
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous ..	81	121,080	4,650	3.8
All Groups ..	395	536,660	20,013	3.7

(iv) *Australia, by Industries, 1912, and Quarterly, 1941 to 1942.*—The following table gives for various industrial groups the percentages of members of trade unions returned as unemployed from the March quarter of 1941 to the December quarter of 1942. The percentage of unemployed at the end of 1912 is also inserted for purposes of comparison.

Unemployment : Percentages by Industries, Australia.

Industrial Group.	1912, End of Year.	1941.				1942.			
		March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
Manufacturing—									
I. Wood, Furniture, etc. . .	3.7	3.1	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc. . .	7.4	2.9	1.7	1.6	2.0	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.7
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc. . .	7.3	10.4	7.8	7.4	7.7	3.5	3.8	4.3	3.8
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc. . .	6.3	3.6	1.7	1.4	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6
V. Books, Printing, etc. . .	2.8	2.0	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2
VI. Other Manufacturing . . .	6.9	4.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.2	1.4	1.4	1.4
VII. Building . . .	5.5	5.8	5.2	5.1	4.8	3.5	3.5	2.3	1.9
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc. . .	5.6	8.1	8.0	7.3	5.4	4.0	4.4	3.6	3.5
X. Other Land Transport . . .	1.1	6.3	4.3	3.7	3.1	2.2	2.6	2.3	2.3
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous . .	5.4	6.6	3.7	3.1	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.3
AUSTRALIA . . .	5.6	5.3	3.6	3.2	2.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.3

(v) *States, 1941 and 1942.*—In making interstate comparisons of unemployment percentages, allowance must be made for the circumstance that the industries included in the returns from trade unions are not quite identical in the various States, and that for some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The State percentages shown below, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States but as an indication of the trend of unemployment as reported by the Trade Unions. The figures in the following table show the position in each State for 1941 and 1942 :—

Unemployment : 1941 and 1942.

State.	Unions Reporting.				Unemployed.			
	Number.		Members.		Number.		Percentage.	
	1941.	1942.	1941.	1942.	1941.	1942.	1941.	1942.
New South Wales . .	115	113	221,307	258,692	10,452	4,742	4.7	1.8
Victoria . .	79	79	151,902	176,749	3,742	2,032	2.5	1.2
Queensland . .	45	45	71,373	76,313	3,209	1,741	4.5	2.3
South Australia . .	55	55	46,003	56,373	1,219	618	2.7	1.1
Western Australia . .	67	67	32,737	32,119	951	522	2.9	1.6
Tasmania . .	34	34	13,338	13,288	440	99	3.3	0.7
Australia . .	395	393	536,660	613,534	20,013	9,754	3.7	1.6

(vi) *States, 1929 to 1942 and Quarterly from 1939.*—The results of the quarterly investigations as to unemployment in the years 1913 to 1938 were published in previous issues of this Report and in the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*. The following table shows for each State the

percentage of members of trade unions returned as unemployed for the years 1929 to 1942 and quarterly from 1939 to 1942 :—

Unemployment : Percentages.

Period.	N.S.W.	Victoria	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1929 Year	11.5	11.1	7.1	15.7	9.9	12.8	11.1
1930 "	21.7	18.3	10.7	23.3	19.2	17.7	19.3
1931 "	30.8	25.8	16.2	32.5	27.3	26.1	27.4
1932 "	32.5	26.5	18.8	34.0	29.5	25.9	29.0
1933 "	28.9	22.3	15.3	29.9	24.8	18.6	25.1
1934 "	24.7	17.4	11.7	25.6	17.8	17.4	20.5
1935 "	20.6	14.0	8.7	17.6	13.4	13.2	16.5
1936 "	15.4	10.7	7.8	10.8	8.1	9.8	12.2
1937 "	10.9	9.0	7.3	8.2	5.6	7.3	9.3
1938 "	9.9	8.6	6.4	8.3	5.7	7.9	8.7
1939 "	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1940 "	11.0	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.6	5.2	8.0
1941 "	4.7	2.5	4.5	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.7
1942 "	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1939 March Qtr. ..	10.6	10.8	6.1	9.3	7.3	7.6	9.6
June "	10.6	10.4	5.7	9.5	6.2	9.4	9.5
Sept. "	11.6	11.2	5.8	9.4	8.2	8.3	10.2
Dec. "	11.1	9.0	5.8	9.1	6.6	7.1	9.3
1940 March Qtr. ..	9.7	6.5	5.8	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.9
June "	15.9	6.6	6.8	8.3	5.6	5.0	10.5
Sept. "	9.8	5.9	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.6	7.4
Dec. "	8.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.2
1941 March Qtr. ..	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
June "	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
Sept. "	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
Dec. "	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942 March Qtr. ..	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
June "	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
Sept. "	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
Dec. "	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3

(vii) *Causes of Unemployment.*—In earlier issues of the Labour Report tables were published showing the percentage of members of unions unemployed through—(a) lack of work; (b) sickness and accident; and (c) other causes. The returns from trade unions for past years show that while the percentage unemployed through lack of work has varied considerably according to the state of trade during the period, the percentages of members unemployed through sickness and accident, and through other causes, have remained uniform at 0.7 per cent. and 0.2 per cent., respectively.

§ 3. Industrial Disputes.

1. **General.**—The collection of information regarding industrial disputes (strikes and lockouts) in Australia was initiated by this Bureau at the beginning of the year 1913, and particulars relating thereto, for the first complete year, were published in Labour Report No. 5, Section XI. An examination of official reports, newspapers, and other publications showed, however, that there was insufficient material for the compilation of complete information for years prior to 1913.

Annual figures for years since 1913 are contained in Labour Reports Nos. 6 to 31 while particulars for the years 1941 and 1942 are furnished below.

2. **Industrial Disputes in Industrial Groups, 1941 and 1942.**—The following tables deal with industrial disputes involving stoppage of work during the years 1941 and 1942 in industrial groups. A list of the 14 groups included in the classification will be found in the preface.

The number of industrial disputes recorded during 1942 was 602, as compared with 567 during the previous year. In New South Wales 552 disputes occurred in 1942, 445 of which involved workpeople engaged in the coal-mining industry. Working days lost during 1942 amounted to 378,195 for all disputes in Australia, as compared with 984,174 working days lost during 1941. The estimated loss of wages was £456,090 in 1942, as compared with £1,000,102 for the year 1941.

Industrial Disputes in Industrial Groups, 1941.

Class.	Industrial Group.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In-volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Esti-mated Loss in Wages.
				Directly.	In-directly.	Total.		
New South Wales—								
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc.	76	136	50,476	1,769	52,245	195,458	£ 204,242
III.	Food, drink, etc.	8	9	1,801	..	1,801	3,123	2,962
IV.	Clothing, textiles, etc.	1	96	17,000	200	17,200	206,400	180,000
VI.	Other manufacturing ..	19	67	5,352	900	6,252	95,539	96,751
VII.	Building ..	4	11	580	7	587	855	613
VIII.	(a) Coal-mining ..	392	438	135,422	3,668	139,090	261,069	307,958
	(b) Other mining, quarries, etc.	3	3	1,519	127	1,646	7,162	9,378
IX.	Railway and tramway services	3	3	239	..	239	1,079	1,046
X.	Other land transport ..	1	1	160	..	160	2,400	1,800
XI.	Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	3	6	766	..	766	4,871	5,007
XIV.	Miscellaneous ..	3	3	125	..	125	123	122
Total ..		513	773	213,440	6,671	220,111	778,079	809,879
Victoria—								
I.	Wood, furniture, etc.	1	1	25	..	25	125	120
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc.	7	8	1,434	300	1,734	7,565	7,541
IV.	Clothing, textiles, etc.	2	70	12,030	11	12,041	96,041	80,042
V.	Books, printing, etc.	1	3	506	..	506	506	734
VI.	Other manufacturing ..	2	18	704	..	704	2,058	2,021
VII.	Building ..	5	42	1,411	..	1,411	12,876	13,435
VIII.	(a) Coal-mining ..	2	2	2,046	..	2,046	15,546	14,000
IX.	Railway and tramway services	1	1	250	..	250	250	300
X.	Other land transport ..	1	450	1,400	..	1,400	4,200	3,000
Total ..		22	595	19,806	311	20,117	139,167	121,193
Queensland—								
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc.	4	5	139	101	240	722	602
III.	Food, drink, etc.	4	98	2,116	..	2,116	31,971	33,923
IV.	Clothing, textiles, etc.	2	2	272	21	293	293	52
VII.	Building ..	1	1	36	..	36	72	90
VIII.	(a) Coal-mining ..	1	1	93	6	99	990	1,090
IX.	Railway and tramway services	2	2	658	84	742	12,124	11,626
X.	Other land transport ..	1	2	17	..	17	34	34
XI.	Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	2	2	61	68	129	1,620	1,157
Total ..		17	113	3,392	280	3,672	47,826	48,574
South Australia—								
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc.	4	38	1,490	..	1,490	6,887	6,530
III.	Food, drink, etc.	1	1	49	..	49	196	170
VII.	Building ..	2	2	260	..	260	4,320	6,100
VIII.	(b) Other mining, quarries, etc.	1	7	620	..	620	3,720	4,000
IX.	Railway and tramway services	3	3	1,285	..	1,285	2,533	1,900
Total ..		11	51	3,704	..	3,704	17,656	18,700
Western Australia—								
I.	Wood, furniture, etc.	2	6	63	..	63	606	631
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc.	1	1	240	..	240	240	300
Total ..		3	7	303	..	303	846	931
Tasmania ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northern Territory—								
XI.	Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	1	1	200	..	200	600	825

Industrial Disputes in Industrial Groups, 1941—continued.

Class.	Industrial Group.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In-volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Esti-mated Loss in Wages.
				Directly.	In-directly.	Total.		
	Australia—							£
I.	Wood, furniture, etc. ..	3	7	88	..	88	731	751
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc. ..	92	188	53,779	2,170	55,949	210,872	219,215
III.	Food, drink, etc. ..	13	108	3,966	..	3,966	35,290	37,055
IV.	Clothing, textiles, etc. ..	5	168	29,302	232	29,534	302,734	260,094
V.	Books, printing ..	1	3	506	..	506	506	734
VI.	Other manufacturing ..	21	85	6,056	900	6,956	97,597	98,772
VII.	Building ..	12	56	2,287	7	2,294	18,123	20,238
VIII.	(a) Coal-mining ..	395	441	137,561	3,674	141,235	275,605	320,945
	(b) Other mining, quarries, etc. ..	4	10	2,139	127	2,266	12,882	15,381
IX.	Railway and tramway services ..	9	9	2,432	84	2,516	15,986	14,872
X.	Other land transport ..	3	453	1,577	..	1,577	6,634	4,834
XI.	Shipping, wharf labour, etc. ..	6	9	1,027	68	1,095	7,091	7,089
XIV.	Miscellaneous ..	3	3	125	..	125	123	122
	Total (a) ..	567	1,540	240,845	7,262	248,107	984,174	1,000,102

(a) The following disputes commenced in and were uncompleted at the end of the year, 1940, and in respect of "Number of Disputes", and "Establishments Involved" are duplicated in the figures for 1941.

State.	Number of Disputes.	Establish-ments Involved.	Number of Workpeople Involved.		
			Directly.	Indirectly.	Total.
New South Wales	2	2	528	..	528

Industrial Disputes in Industrial Groups, 1942.

Class.	Industrial Group.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In-volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Esti-mated Loss in Wages.
				Directly.	In-directly.	Total.		
	New South Wales—							£
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc. ..	64	66	21,104	314	21,418	80,861	85,194
III.	Food, drink, etc. ..	16	17	3,570	323	3,893	10,047	7,796
VI.	Other manufacturing ..	10	10	6,870	519	7,389	44,456	38,095
VII.	Building ..	5	5	587	..	587	2,890	3,436
VIII.	(a) Coal-mining ..	445	463	110,138	1,736	111,874	177,242	260,478
	(b) Other mining, quarries, etc. ..	1	1	306	..	306	1,224	1,400
IX.	Railway and tramway services ..	2	2	158	..	158	158	171
XI.	Shipping, wharf labour, etc. ..	3	3	4,799	..	4,799	2,549	3,674
XII.	Pastoral, agricultural, etc. ..	1	1	18	..	18	108	211
XIII.	Domestic, hotels, etc. ..	1	1	85	..	85	85	26
XIV.	Miscellaneous ..	4	4	568	..	568	515	532
	Total ..	552	573	148,203	2,892	151,095	320,135	401,613
	Victoria—							
I.	Wood, furniture, etc. ..	1	1	140	..	140	1,400	1,700
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc. ..	6	10	2,672	140	2,812	8,746	7,675
III.	Food, drink, etc. ..	1	1	1,455	..	1,455	13,095	8,096
VI.	Other manufacturing ..	2	2	6,271	..	6,271	8,271	9,243
VII.	Building ..	8	10	1,313	..	1,313	3,560	3,757
IX.	Railway and tramway services ..	1	1	73	..	73	146	202
XII.	Pastoral, agricultural, etc. ..	1	1	55	..	55	440	336
	Total ..	20	26	11,979	140	12,119	35,658	31,009

Industrial Disputes in Industrial Groups, 1942—continued.

Class.	Industrial Group.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In-volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Esti-mated Loss in Wages.
				Directly.	In-directly.	Total.		
Queensland—								
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc...	1	1	44	52	96	768	£ 875
III.	Food, drink, etc. ..	2	2	139	..	139	967	708
XI.	Shipping, wharf labour, etc. ..	1	1	44	..	44	132	207
XIV.	Miscellaneous ..	2	2	143	..	143	835	355
	Total	6	6	370	52	422	2,702	2,145
South Australia—								
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc...	9	9	2,039	..	2,039	4,089	4,128
III.	Food, drink, etc. ..	2	41	781	..	781	4,057	3,952
IV.	Clothing, textiles, etc.	1	1	300	..	300	2,100	2,700
XI.	Shipping, wharf labour, etc. ..	1	1	497	..	497	248	276
	Total	13	52	3,617	..	3,617	10,494	11,056
Western Australia—								
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc...	1	1	728	..	728	5,096	5,472
III.	Food, drink, etc. ..	3	80	211	..	211	3,079	3,630
VIII.	(a) Coal-mining	2	2	157	..	157	323	390
IX.	Railway and tramway services..	1	1	521	..	521	261	260
XI.	Shipping, wharf labour, etc. ..	1	1	180	12	192	96	120
	Total	8	85	1,797	12	1,809	8,855	9,872
Tasmania—								
VI.	Other manufacturing	1	1	17	..	17	17	16
IX.	Railway and tramway services..	1	1	34	..	34	34	29
	Total	2	2	51	..	51	51	45
Northern Territory—								
XI.	Shipping, wharf labour, etc. ..	1	1	150	..	150	300	350
Australia—								
I.	Wood, furniture, etc. ..	1	1	140	..	140	1,400	1,700
II.	Engineering, metal works, etc...	81	87	26,587	506	27,093	99,560	103,344
III.	Food, drink, etc. ..	24	141	6,156	323	6,479	31,245	24,182
IV.	Clothing, textiles, etc. ..	1	1	300	..	300	2,100	2,700
VI.	Other, manufacturing ..	13	13	13,158	519	13,677	52,744	47,954
VII.	Building	13	15	1,900	..	1,900	6,450	7,193
VIII.	(a) Coal-mining	447	465	110,295	1,736	112,031	177,565	260,868
	(b) Other mining, quarries, etc. ..	1	1	306	..	306	1,224	1,400
IX.	Railway and tramway services..	5	5	786	..	786	599	662
XI.	Shipping, wharf labour, etc. ..	7	7	5,670	12	5,682	3,325	4,627
XII.	Pastoral, agricultural, etc. ..	2	2	73	..	73	548	547
XIII.	Domestic, hotels, etc. ..	1	1	85	..	85	85	26
XIV.	Miscellaneous ..	6	6	711	..	711	1,350	887
	Total (a)	602	745	166,167	3,096	169,263	378,195	456,090

(a) The following disputes commenced in, and were uncompleted at the end of, the year 1941, and in respect of "Number of Disputes" and "Establishments Involved" are duplicated in the figures for 1942.

State.	Number of Disputes.	Estab- lish- ments Involved.	Workpeople Involved.		
			Directly.	Indirectly.	Total.
New South Wales	2	2	720	..	720

4. **Industrial Disputes, 1938 to 1942.**—(i) *Australia.*—The following table shows in industrial groups the number of industrial disputes, the number of workpeople involved, and the losses in working days and wages for each of the years 1938 to 1942, and the aggregate for the period :—

Industrial Disputes : Australia.

Year.	Manu- facturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.)		Transport, Land and Sea. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscel- laneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	ALL GROUPS.
			Coal- mining.	Other Mining.			
NUMBER.							
1938 ..	43	3	314	6	4	6	376
1939 ..	20	3	362	4	6	21	416
1940 ..	36	10	286	3	10	5	350
1941 ..	135	12	395	4	18	3	567
1942 ..	120	13	447	1	12	9	602
1938-42 ..	354	41	1,804	18	50	44	2,311

WORKPEOPLE INVOLVED.

1938 ..	12,822	4,270	122,379	1,820	1,870	793	143,954
1939 ..	8,818	57	137,792	900	2,017	3,246	152,830
1940 ..	15,986	2,447	167,840	492	3,514	2,318	192,597
1941 ..	96,999	2,294	141,235	2,266	5,188	125	248,107
1942 ..	47,689	1,900	112,031	306	6,468	869	169,263
1938-42 ..	182,314	10,968	681,277	5,784	19,057	7,351	906,751

WORKING DAYS LOST.

1938 ..	294,062	34,520	928,860	20,224	59,068	1,260	1,337,994
1939 ..	108,709	563	291,067	3,805	35,016	19,994	459,154
1940 ..	81,799	32,746	1,371,382	5,068	10,705	5,552	1,507,252
1941 ..	647,730	18,123	275,605	12,882	29,711	123	984,174
1942 ..	187,049	6,450	177,565	1,224	3,924	1,983	378,195
1938-42 ..	1,319,349	92,402	3,044,479	43,203	138,424	28,912	4,666,769

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938 ..	239,222	31,847	973,659	23,103	35,062	927	1,303,820
1939 ..	83,540	424	335,933	4,728	22,114	9,877	455,716
1940 ..	75,108	27,491	1,595,234	6,146	8,333	3,809	1,716,121
1941 ..	616,621	20,238	320,945	15,381	26,795	122	1,000,102
1942 ..	179,880	7,193	260,868	1,400	5,289	1,460	456,090
1938-42 ..	1,194,371	87,193	3,485,739	50,758	97,593	16,195	4,931,849

Satisfactory comparisons of the frequency of industrial disputes in classified industries can be made only after omitting those which are recorded for coal-mining (Group VIII.). For the year 1942 these disputes represented 74 per cent. of the total for the year.

During the past five years, working days lost through dislocations of work involving employees in coal-mining numbered 3,044,479, representing 65 per cent. of the total loss of working days for the period. The majority of these disputes occurred in New South Wales. In making comparisons regarding the number and magnitude of disputes in this particular class it should be noted that the number of workers engaged in the coal-mining industry is very much larger in New South Wales than in any of the other States.

(ii) *States*.—The number of industrial disputes in each State during the years 1938 to 1942, together with the workpeople involved, the working days lost, and the estimated loss in wages are given hereunder.

Industrial Disputes: States.

State or Territory.	Year.	Number.	Establishments Involved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages.
				Directly.	In-directly.	Total.		
New South Wales ..	1938	340	483	116,378	8,160	124,538	1,029,427	£ 1,012,915
	1939	386	460	139,301	9,230	148,531	410,183	419,330
	1940	313	680	161,766	12,238	174,004	1,238,161	1,430,416
	1941	513	773	213,440	6,671	220,111	778,079	809,879
	1942	552	573	148,203	2,892	151,095	320,135	401,613
Victoria ..	1938	19	38	7,678	2,612	10,290	104,336	87,595
	1939	10	10	1,989	180	2,169	27,313	19,946
	1940	19	44	8,279	385	8,664	108,035	101,326
	1941	22	595	19,806	311	20,117	139,167	121,193
	1942	20	26	11,979	140	12,119	35,658	31,009
Queensland ..	1938	5	9	2,657	..	2,657	87,539	87,379
	1939	5	6	373	2	375	1,870	1,753
	1940	4	8	3,013	14	3,027	131,628	157,673
	1941	17	113	3,392	280	3,672	47,826	48,574
	1942	6	6	370	52	422	2,702	2,145
South Australia ..	1938	2	2	73	52	125	249	223
	1939	2	2	170	5	175	1,880	1,416
	1940	5	5	2,745	21	2,766	9,506	7,632
	1941	11	51	3,704	..	3,704	17,656	18,700
	1942	13	52	3,617	..	3,617	10,494	11,056
Western Australia ..	1938	7	21	2,994	650	3,644	43,768	43,278
	1939	7	7	1,108	145	1,253	14,100	9,578
	1940	4	153	2,735	288	3,023	7,387	6,396
	1941	3	7	303	..	303	846	..
	1942	8	85	1,797	12	1,809	8,855	9,872
Tasmania ..	1938	2	4	2,200	..	2,200	72,175	72,030
	1939	4	4	53	..	53	166	93
	1940	2	5	216	12	228	10,466	10,641
	1941	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1942	2	2	51	..	51	51	45
Northern Territory ..	1938	1	1	500	..	500	500	400
	1939	2	16	234	40	274	3,642	3,600
	1940	3	4	185	700	885	2,069	2,037
	1941	1	1	200	..	200	600	825
	1942	1	1	150	..	150	300	350
Aust. Cap. Territory ..	1938	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1939	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1940	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1941	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1942	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Australia ..	1938	376	558	132,480	11,474	143,954	1,337,994	1,303,820
	1939	416	505	143,228	9,602	152,830	459,154	455,716
	1940	350	899	178,939	13,658	192,597	1,507,252	1,716,121
	1941	567	1,540	240,845	7,262	248,107	984,174	1,000,102
	1942	602	745	166,167	3,096	169,263	378,195	456,090

5. *Duration of Industrial Disputes*.—(i) *General*.—The duration of each industrial dispute involving a loss of work, i.e., the time between the cessation and resumption of work, has been calculated in working days, exclusive of

Sundays and holidays, except where the establishment involved carries on a continuous process (e.g., Metal Smelting and Cement Manufacture). The following limitations of time have been adopted:—(a) One day and less; (b) two days and more than one day; (c) three days and more than two days; (d) over three days and under six days (the latter considered as constituting one week); (e) one week and under two weeks; (f) two weeks and under four weeks; (g) four weeks and under eight weeks; and (h) eight weeks and over.

(ii) *Australia*—1938 to 1942.—Particulars of industrial disputes, according to limits of duration, for Australia for the years 1938 to 1942 are given in the following table:—

Duration of Industrial Disputes: Australia.

Limits of Duration.	Year.	Number.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages.
			Directly.	Indirectly.	Total.		
1 day and less	1938	196	68,015	813	68,828	68,828	£ 77,346
	1939	230	96,184	1,191	97,375	97,375	106,970
	1940	201	106,783	8,048	114,831	113,866	135,107
	1941	318	131,628	4,117	135,745	135,545	164,528
	1942	401	108,798	1,514	110,312	106,450	148,757
2 days and more than 1 day ..	1938	56	15,928	462	16,390	32,780	33,069
	1939	60	16,398	872	17,270	34,540	35,648
	1940	51	16,102	1,104	17,206	34,167	33,694
	1941	90	30,018	387	30,405	60,728	68,961
	1942	76	24,597	38	24,635	47,633	58,025
3 days and more than 2 days ..	1938	38	8,869	793	9,662	28,986	31,233
	1939	38	10,103	1,374	11,477	34,431	36,427
	1940	23	11,339	1,785	13,124	36,112	45,961
	1941	34	8,230	337	8,567	25,701	26,198
	1942	29	7,885	31	7,916	23,634	28,287
Over 3 days and less than 1 week (6 days)	1938	27	6,469	675	7,144	31,558	33,159
	1939	34	7,540	404	7,944	36,387	37,056
	1940	20	3,871	143	4,014	17,662	17,263
	1941	39	16,200	319	16,519	71,577	74,172
	1942	38	8,133	689	8,822	38,518	44,733
1 week and less than 2 weeks ..	1938	30	7,826	5,971	13,797	115,605	98,218
	1939	34	6,864	2,169	9,033	75,323	67,736
	1940	26	14,849	1,769	16,618	115,550	115,966
	1941	51	23,291	557	23,848	191,604	180,351
	1942	39	13,837	342	14,179	113,870	116,591
2 weeks and less than 4 weeks	1938	11	1,461	101	1,562	23,534	21,256
	1939	10	5,002	3,224	8,226	116,182	116,882
	1940	16	5,458	790	6,248	102,739	100,029
	1941	21	28,269	851	29,120	374,942	352,918
	1942	17	2,450	482	2,932	36,790	44,852
4 weeks and less than 8 weeks	1938	13	23,376	1,327	24,703	887,172	883,426
	1939	6	618	307	925	25,463	15,908
	1940	8	3,327	19	3,346	151,934	177,028
	1941	11	2,682	..	2,682	88,053	101,627
	1942	2	467	..	467	11,300	14,845
8 weeks and over	1938	5	536	1,332	1,868	149,531	126,113
	1939	4	519	61	580	39,453	39,089
	1940	5	17,210	..	17,210	935,222	1,091,073
	1941	3	527	694	1,221	36,024	31,347
	1942	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1938	376	132,480	11,474	143,954	1,337,994	1,303,820
	1939	416	143,228	9,602	152,830	459,154	455,716
	1940	350	178,939	13,658	192,597	1,507,252	1,716,121
	1941	567	240,845	7,262	248,107	984,174	1,000,102
	1942	602	166,167	3,096	169,263	378,195	456,090

6. **Causes of Industrial Disputes.**—(i) *General.*—The reasons alleged by employers and employees for a stoppage of work do not in every instance agree in detail. In such instances additional information is sought to verify or support the contention of either side. On occasions, the alleged reason is of a twofold character, and, where this is the case, the claim which is fully or partially satisfied and results in a resumption of work is taken to be the principal cause of the dispute. For the purpose of classification these causes (or objects) of industrial disputes are grouped under seven main headings, namely :—(1) Wages ; (2) hours of labour ; (3) trade unionism ; (4) employment of particular classes or persons ; (5) working conditions ; (6) sympathy ; and (7) other causes.* The first five groups are subdivided to meet the varying phases of the causes of disputes under each of the main headings.

(ii) *Causes of Disputes, Australia, 1913 and 1936 to 1942.*—The following table gives particulars of industrial disputes according to causes for the years specified.

Causes of Industrial Disputes : Australia.

Causes of Disputes.	1913.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
NUMBER.								
1. Wages—								
(a) For increase ..	42	16	28	10	13	16	46	8
(b) Against decrease ..	4	1	1	2	4	1	4	2
(c) Other wage questions	31	48	77	67	58	54	102	107
2. Hours of Labour—								
(a) For reduction ..	3	1	2	2	12	..	2	1
(b) Other disputes re hours ..	7	4	4	1	9	20	10	8
3. Trade Unionism—								
(a) Against employment of non-unionists..	8	4	5	5	1	2	8	9
(b) Other union questions	5	16	14	43	48	34	28	24
4. Employment of particular classes or persons ..	44	81	80	106	107	80	154	139
5. Working conditions ..	51	43	72	73	90	46	81	132
6. Sympathy ..	5	5	11	4	1	7	15	14
7. Other causes ..	8	16	38	63	73	90	117	158
Total	208	235	342	376	416	350	567	602

WORKPEOPLE INVOLVED.

1. Wages—								
(a) For increase ..	8,633	2,014	7,678	967	4,384	4,242	12,157	2,150
(b) Against decrease ..	503	40	15	914	279	296	848	957
(c) Other wage questions	7,160	12,930	21,588	21,399	17,094	17,841	32,403	32,025
2. Hours of Labour—								
(a) For reduction ..	460	20	429	4,050	4,150	..	1,432	85
(b) Other disputes re hours ..	1,819	488	1,474	36	3,383	7,635	3,720	1,630
3. Trade Unionism—								
(a) Against employment of non-unionists..	5,370	1,612	3,542	1,659	21	254	912	1,797
(b) Other union questions	1,418	4,011	5,889	13,241	16,030	10,314	10,392	5,302
4. Employment of particular classes or persons ..	11,370	22,978	20,401	30,020	28,601	28,955	43,889	41,402
5. Working conditions ..	10,785	10,935	17,854	40,206	28,092	14,614	30,051	29,008
6. Sympathy ..	947	1,062	3,235	1,260	2,600	4,973	10,855	7,977
7. Other causes ..	1,758	4,447	14,068	30,204	48,106	103,473	101,448	46,030
Total	50,283	60,587	96,173	143,954	152,830	192,597	248,107	169,263

* The heading "Other causes" has been adopted to meet various sets of circumstances which mainly arise in connexion with stoppages which are not concerted movements, and include among others the following :—(a) During the course of a meeting of miners, the wheelers return their horses to the stables and leave the colliery ; (b) disputes (not necessarily connected with industrial matters which the employer can control) arise between wheelers and clippers, or any two sets of workers, and sufficient workmen are not available to work the mine to its full capacity.

Causes of Industrial Disputes : Australia—continued.

Causes of Disputes.	1913.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
WORKING DAYS LOST.								
1. Wages—								
(a) For increase ..	100,069	33,439	144,372	32,390	24,115	25,590	106,518	7,403
(b) Against decrease ..	9,438	120	30	7,340	4,472	592	1,368	13,991
(c) Other wage questions	78,183	32,068	107,904	116,468	67,550	92,473	111,258	98,669
2. Hours of Labour—								
(a) For reduction ..	2,774	340	1,897	34,300	21,636	..	4,232	85
(b) Other disputes re hours ..	15,111	9,577	4,442	900	10,752	20,977	12,781	2,607
3. Trade Unionism—								
(a) Against employment of non-unionists..	91,002	7,509	20,750	2,906	63	1,866	5,852	5,583
(b) Other union questions	32,388	9,616	9,569	80,280	52,096	15,553	62,870	9,179
4. Employment of particular classes or persons ..	191,723	266,310	138,428	104,454	81,101	105,166	112,360	98,658
5. Working conditions ..	73,562	119,475	85,746	744,147	108,409	33,709	122,279	66,348
6. Sympathy ..	24,066	10,209	11,230	4,440	2,600	16,196	18,830	12,593
7. Other causes ..	5,212	8,585	32,743	210,369	86,370	1,195,130	425,826	63,079
Total ..	623,528	497,248	557,111	1337994	459,154	1,507,252	984,174	378,195

The main causes of industrial disputes are "wage" questions, "working conditions", and "employment of particular classes or persons".

The number of disputes concerning "wages" in 1942 was 117, representing 19 per cent. of the total. The heading "Employment of particular classes or persons" includes stoppages of work for the purpose of protesting against the dismissal of fellow workpeople who were considered to have been unfairly treated or victimized. This class of dispute occurs frequently in the coal-mining industry. Disputes over "Employment" questions in 1942 numbered 139, or 23 per cent. of the total, and over "Working Conditions" 132, or 22 per cent. Disputes classified under these three headings numbered 388, or 64 per cent. of the total dislocations during the year.

7. **Results of Industrial Disputes**—(i) *General*.—The terms or conditions under which a resumption of work is agreed upon are taken as the basis of the result of the dispute and are comprised in one or other of the following four classes :—

(a) In favour of workpeople ; (b) In favour of employer ; (c) Compromise ; (d) Indefinite.

Disputes are considered to result :—(a) In favour of workpeople, when the employees succeed in enforcing compliance with all their demands, or are substantially successful in attaining their principal object, or in resisting a demand made by their employers ; (b) In favour of employer, when the demands of the employees are not conceded, or when the employer or employers are substantially successful in enforcing a demand ; (c) Compromise, when the employees are successful in enforcing compliance with a part of their demands or in resisting substantially full compliance with the demands of their employer or employers ; (d) Indefinite, when, for example, employees cease work owing to some misconception regarding the terms of an award, determination, or agreement, and work is resumed as usual on the matters in dispute being explained ; or in cases where a dispute arises in connexion with certain work which is, however, abandoned, even though the employees return to the same establishment to be employed on other work. The results of "Sympathetic" disputes, in which a body of workers cease work with the object of assisting another body of workers in obtaining compliance with some demand, are generally "Indefinite" except when the stoppage is entered upon partially to enforce a demand in which these workers might ultimately benefit.

(ii) *Results in each State, 1941.*—The following table shows the industrial disputes in 1941, classified according to results.

Industrial Disputes : Results, 1941.(a)

State or Territory.	Number.				Workpeople Involved.				Working Days Lost.			
	In favour of Workpeople.	In favour of Employer.	Compromise.	Indefinite.	In favour of Workpeople.	In favour of Employer.	Compromise.	Indefinite.	In favour of Workpeople.	In favour of Employer.	Compromise.	Indefinite.
New South Wales	188	276	21	26	63,775	132,990	10,462	12,164	216,438	417,599	79,911	62,221
Victoria ..	17	3	1	1	7,450	12,400	200	67	37,487	97,600	1,400	2,680
Queensland ..	8	6	2	1	714	371	776	1,811	1,332	6,858	12,113	27,523
South Australia ..	10	..	..	1	2,634	..	..	1,020	15,616	..	..	2,040
Western Australia ..	1	2	..	..	33	270	..	..	66	780	..	..
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
N. Territory ..	..	1	..	..	200	..	..	..	600	..	..	..
A. C. Territory ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Aust. ..	225	287	24	29	74,856	146,031	11,438	15,062	271,539	522,837	93,424	94,464

(a) The following particulars of disputes which were incomplete at 31st December, 1941, should be added to the above figures to effect a balance with those published in the preceding tables :—

State.	Number.	Establishments Involved.	Workpeople Involved.	Working Days Lost.
New South Wales ..	2	2	720	1,910

(iii) *Australia, 1941.*—The following table shows the number of disputes, number of workpeople involved, and the total number of working days lost in disputes in Australia for the year 1941, classified according to cause and result of dispute.

Industrial Disputes : Causes and Results, Australia, 1941.(a)

Classified according to Causes and Results.	Number.				Workpeople Involved.				Working Days Lost.			
	In favour of Workpeople.	In favour of Employer.	Compromise.	Indefinite.	In favour of Workpeople.	In favour of Employer.	Compromise.	Indefinite.	In favour of Workpeople.	In favour of Employer.	Compromise.	Indefinite.
Wages—												
(a) For increase ..	26	10	7	3	6,101	1,548	3,634	874	71,580	6,723	26,535	1,680
(b) Against decrease ..	2	2	..	..	440	408	..	..	960	408	..	..
(c) Other Wage questions ..	49	47	3	3	15,433	13,514	1,013	2,443	50,275	21,445	3,253	36,285
Hours of Labour—												
(a) For reduction ..	2	..	..	..	1,432	..	..	..	4,232	..	..	..
(b) Other disputes re hours ..	2	8	..	..	1,000	2,720	..	..	3,700	9,081	..	..
Trade Unionism—												
(a) Against employment of non-unionists ..	6	1	..	1	791	54	..	67	2,848	324	..	2,680
(b) Other union questions ..	4	19	1	4	836	4,409	4,063	1,084	1,536	6,609	52,819	1,906
Employment of particular Classes or Persons..	68	66	9	9	22,846	15,523	2,153	2,647	55,697	30,204	7,835	16,714
Working conditions ..	45	31	2	3	20,332	7,495	378	1,846	71,038	46,233	1,934	3,074
Sympathy ..	..	15	..	..	..	10,855	..	..	..	18,830	..	..
Other Causes ..	21	88	2	6	5,645	89,505	197	6,101	9,673	382,980	1,048	32,125
Total(a) ..	225	287	24	29	74,856	146,031	11,438	15,062	271,539	522,837	93,424	94,464

(a) See note to table above.

(iv) *Australia, 1938 to 1942.*—The table hereunder shows the number of disputes, number of workpeople involved, and the number of working days lost in disputes in Australia during the five years 1938 to 1942, classified according to results :—

Industrial Disputes : Results, Australia.

Year.	Number.				Workpeople Involved.				Working Days Lost.			
	In favour of Workpeople.	In favour of Employer.	Compromise.	Indefinite.	In favour of Workpeople.	In favour of Employer.	Compromise.	Indefinite.	In favour of Workpeople.	In favour of Employer.	Compromise.	Indefinite.
1938 ..	94	229	18	34	24,953	75,100	6,937	36,201	90,375	149,959	45,205	1,022,521
1939 ..	75	302	19	20	22,517	117,445	6,233	6,635	104,192	256,602	43,569	54,791
1940 ..	99	213	12	24	36,303	128,874	1,800	25,092	162,662	443,682	6,655	885,941
1941 (a) ..	225	287	24	29	74,856	146,031	11,438	15,062	271,539	522,837	93,424	94,464
1942 (b) ..	166	393	9	28	48,848	107,656	2,517	8,913	114,540	201,381	13,041	36,973

(a) See note to table on page 102.

(b) The following particulars of disputes which were incomplete at 31st December, 1942, should be added to the figures for 1942 to effect a balance with those published in preceding tables :—

State.	Number.	Establishments Involved.	Workpeople Involved.	Working Days Lost.
New South Wales	5	5	881	11,364
Victoria	1	1	448	896
Total	6	6	1,329	12,260

Disputes resulting in favour of workpeople exceeded those resulting in favour of employers in earlier years, but of late years the position has been reversed. The percentage in favour of employers in 1942 was 66. Many of the disputes in the coal-mining industry are of short duration, and the records show that the workpeople resumed work on antecedent conditions without apparently gaining any concessions. These disputes have been classified as terminating in favour of the employer. A number of disputes in each year resulted in a compromise, while in certain cases the heading "Indefinite" had to be adopted.

8. Methods of Settlement.—(i) *General.*—Methods of settlement have been classified under the following six headings :—

- (i) By negotiation.
- (ii) Under State Industrial Act.
- (iii) Under Commonwealth Arbitration Act.
- (iv) By filling places of workpeople on strike or locked out.
- (v) By closing down establishments permanently.
- (vi) By other methods.

Each of the first five methods indicates some definite action. The sixth, "Other Methods," is more or less indefinite, and is connected with "Other Causes" and relates mainly to resumptions of work at collieries at the next shift, the cause of the stoppages not being in all cases made known officially to the management.

(ii) *Australia, 1913 and 1936 to 1942*—Information for Australia for the years specified is given hereunder :—

Methods of Settlement of Industrial Disputes: Australia.

Methods of Settlement.	1913.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941. (a)	1942. (b)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES.								
Negotiation—								
Direct between employers and employees or their representatives ..	119	174	265	245	277	192	245	233
By intervention or assistance of distinctive third party—not under Commonwealth or State Industrial Act ..	17	16	9	17	17	12	22	117
Under State Industrial Act—								
By intervention, assistance or compulsory conference ..	19	3	6	3	5	6	9	9
By reference to Board or Court ..	22	6	4	9	2	7	56	16
Under Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—								
By intervention, assistance or compulsory conference ..	4	2	2	9	6	25	57	43
By Filling Places of Workpeople on Strike or Locked out ..	13	4	5	..	1	..	3	..
By Closing down Establishment permanently ..	1	..	1	..	2	1	..	..
By other methods ..	13	30	48	92	106	105	173	178
Total	108	235	340	375	416	348	565	596

WORKPEOPLE INVOLVED.

Negotiation—								
Direct between employers and employees or their representatives ..	23,357	44,251	72,430	70,481	80,195	55,084	72,865	57,556
By intervention or assistance of distinctive third party—not under Commonwealth or State Industrial Act ..	3,172	5,061	2,764	4,845	2,489	3,520	5,757	42,072
Under State Industrial Act—								
By intervention, assistance or compulsory conference ..	6,505	291	1,804	1,844	4,925	2,766	3,336	2,259
By reference to Board or Court ..	12,774	1,746	428	5,519	429	2,617	21,788	4,642
Under Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—								
By intervention, assistance or compulsory conference ..	659	339	480	21,289	3,268	35,203	55,019	14,873
By Filling Places of Workpeople on Strike or Locked out ..	658	141	825	..	20	..	340	..
By Closing down Establishment permanently ..	170	..	86	..	178	13	..	..
By other methods ..	2,988	8,758	16,773	38,313	61,326	92,866	88,282	46,532
Total	50,283	60,587	95,590	142,291	152,830	192,069	247,387	167,934

(a) See note to table on page 102.

(b) See note (b) to table on page 103.

Methods of Settlement of Industrial Disputes—Australia—continued.

Methods of Settlement.	1913.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941. (a)	1942. (b)
WORKING DAYS LOST.								
Negotiation—								
Direct between employers and employees or their representatives ..	94,400	234,373	396,410	203,175	245,709	152,848	159,347	98,650
By intervention or assistance of distinctive third party—not under Commonwealth or State Industrial Act ..	26,335	202,949	18,517	64,220	52,943	21,018	42,563	115,727
Under State Industrial Act—								
By intervention, assistance or compulsory conference ..	187,871	3,047	48,769	11,796	35,647	8,665	14,259	10,112
By reference to Board or Court ..	221,769	24,503	7,354	326,881	3,366	30,420	107,051	18,761
Under Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—								
By intervention, assistance or compulsory conference ..	2,105	7,152	4,120	629,075	46,450	1,032,801	510,277	69,441
By Filling Places of Work—								
People on Strike or Locked out ..	14,139	2,581	12,571	..	20	..	5,248	..
By Closing down Establishment permanently ..	20,400	..	172	..	3,892	377	..	..
By other methods ..	56,509	22,643	31,162	72,913	71,127	252,811	143,519	53,244
Total ..	623,528	497,248	519,075	1,308,060	459,154	1,498,940	982,264	365,935

(a) See note to table on page 102.

(b) See note (b) to table on page 103.

In each of the years included above, direct negotiation between employers and employees settled the majority of the disputes. In the year 1913, 57 per cent. of the total number of dislocations were settled in this manner, and the percentages in subsequent years varied between 43 in 1925 and 78 in 1937. In 1942 the percentage was 39. In connexion with the comparatively large number of disputes classified as settled "By other methods", stoppages of work frequently occur, principally at the collieries, without any cause being brought officially under the notice of the employers or their representatives. Such stoppages usually last for one day, and work is resumed on the following morning without negotiation.

§ 4. Relief of Unemployment.

I. Special Legislation for Relief of Unemployment.—The steps taken by the Commonwealth and State Governments to provide relief of unemployment, and the legislation enacted in the years 1930 to 1941, are briefly reviewed in the various Labour Reports up to No. 31; particulars relating to the year 1941 were shown on pages 105 to 125 of No. 31, 1941.

§ 5. State Labour Exchanges.

I. General.—There is considerable diversity in the scope of the several State Labour Exchanges, as well as in the methods adopted for registration of applicants for employment. Details were given in Labour Report No. 30, page 133, concerning the organization and administration of these Exchanges, in the several States.

§ 6. Industrial Accidents.

I. Source of Information.—The following tables have been compiled from returns received from the Chief Inspectors of Factories, the Chief Inspectors of Machinery, and from Boiler, Lift, and Scaffolding Inspectors in the several States. In the Annual Reports issued by the State

Departments, special sections are published relating to accidents in industrial undertakings. Reference to these Reports will afford more detailed information. The appreciative thanks of the Bureau are extended to the officials of the various State Departments, including the officials of the Mining Departments, who very kindly supplied the summarized returns shown hereunder.

2. Number of Accidents Reported.—The following table shows the number of accidents reported in each State in the years 1938 to 1942 :—

Industrial Accidents, 1938 to 1942.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A. (b)	Tas.	Total.
No. of Fatal Accidents	1938 .. 54 1939 .. 53 1940 .. 61 1941 .. 73 1942 .. 66	26 26 17 22 16	17 20 12 10 8	12 14 16 7 5	34 43 30 32 25	3 5 2 6 7	146 161 138 150 127
No. of Accidents incapacitating for over 14 days	(a) 1938 .. 9,704 1939 .. 9,794 1940 .. 10,675 1941 .. 14,503 1942 .. 17,867	976 976 1,395 1,971 1,835	746 684 687 743 1,126	190 178 291 245 341	1,917 1,662 1,740 1,656 1,517	128 106 159 92 100	13,661 13,400 14,947 19,210 22,786

(a) See remarks below.

(b) Includes accidents reported by the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Compared with 1941 the number of deaths from industrial accidents in 1942 decreased in all States except Tasmania where an increase was recorded. The number of non-fatal accidents increased in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania and decreased in Victoria and Western Australia.

The large number of accidents recorded in New South Wales during recent years was due to an amendment of the Act which provides that all accidents which prevent workers from returning to work within seven days must be reported. Figures for this State are, therefore, not exactly comparable with those for other States. Further, the definition of a non-fatal accident is not on uniform lines in all States.

3. Accidents in Industrial Groups.—The next table gives the number of accidents in industrial groups in Australia in 1941 and 1942.

Industrial Accidents: Number in Industrial Groups, Australia, 1941 and 1942.

Industrial Group.	Fatal.		Incapacitating for over 14 days. (b)	
	1941.	1942.	1941.	1942.
I. Wood, Furniture, etc. ..	8	5	876	641
II. Engineering, etc. (a) ..	11	19	(a) 7,879	10,518
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	3	7	1,610	2,222
IV. Clothing, Hats, etc. ..	2	3	781	831
V. Books, Printing, etc. ..	2	1	523	629
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	16	15	4,584	5,471
VII. Building and Scaffolding ..	2	2	26	16
VIII. Mining ..	91	65	2,558	1,947
IX. Lifts ..	2	..	23	16
X. Miscellaneous ..	13	10	350	495
Total ..	150	127	19,210	22,786

(a) Includes accidents reported by the Chief Inspector of Factories in New South Wales as having occurred in ore-dressing, smelting and metallurgical works. Prior to 1938 these accidents were included in Group VIII. Mining.

(b) See remarks above.

In 1942 the largest number of fatal accidents occurred in the mining industry, representing 51 per cent. The largest number of non-fatal accidents occurred in engineering, etc. (46 per cent.). It should be pointed out, however, that the figures for 1938 and later years are not directly comparable with those for previous years as accidents in ore dressing, smelting works, etc., in New South Wales previously included in Group VIII. (Mining) are now included in the engineering group.

Two fatal accidents occurred in connexion with building and scaffolding and ten deaths resulted from other accidents. Fifty fatal and 20,312 non-fatal accidents were reported in the manufacturing industries, 10,518 of the total occurring in the engineering and metal-working group.

4. Mining Accidents.—(i) *Sources of Information.*—Information regarding mining accidents is obtained from the Departments of Mines in the respective States, except as regards accidents occurring in smelting and metallurgical works which are registered as factories and are under the jurisdiction of the Chief Inspectors of Factories.

(ii) *Classification.*—The following tables give particulars of mining accidents reported to the Mines Departments, in each State in 1941.

Mining Accidents: Classification according to Causes, 1941.(a)
A.—Fatal Accidents.

Cause of Accident.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
METALLIFEROUS MINES.							
1. Below Ground—							
Accidents caused by Explosives ..	..	I	I	..	I	I	4
" " Falls of Ground	5	..	..	..	8	..	13
" " Falling down shafts, etc.	..	..	..	..	4	..	4
Other Accidents	3	4	2	..	6	..	15
2. Above Ground(b)—							
Accidents caused by machinery in motion	I	..	..	..	I	I	3
Other Accidents	3	..	2	2	4	3	14
3. Accidents in Batteries, Ore-dressing, Smelting and other Metallurgical Works, etc. .. ..	..	..	I	2	..	..	3
COAL MINES.							
1. Below Ground—							
Accidents caused by Mine Explosions (Fire Damp, etc.) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Accidents caused by Explosives (Dynamite, etc.) .. ..	..	I	..	..	..	..	I
Accidents caused by Falls of Earth	16	3	2	..	2	..	23
Other Accidents	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
2. Above Ground—							
Accidents caused by machinery in motion .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Accidents	5	I	..	..	..	..	6
Total	38	10	8	4	26	5	91

(a) The figures relating to mining accidents do not in all cases correspond with those published by the State Mines Departments, the discrepancies being partly due to the fact that accidents occurring in certain metallurgical works and quarries are not included in the figures issued by the Mines Departments, and partly to the lack of uniformity regarding the definition of a non-fatal accident. (b) Includes quarries, brick and clay pits, &c.

B.—Non-fatal Accidents Incapacitating for over 14 days, 1941.

Cause of Accident.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
METALLIFEROUS MINES.							
1. Below Ground—							
Accidents caused by Explosives ..	2	1	1	..	11	2	17
" " Falls of Ground ..	66	3	11	..	75	2	157
" " Falling down shafts, etc. ..	18	3	1	..	24	1	47
Other Accidents ..	327	3	58	..	809	35	1,232
2. Above Ground— (c)							
Accidents caused by machinery in motion ..	7	..	6	5	29	1	48
Other Accidents ..	88	1	17	78	161	25	370
3. Accidents in Batteries, Ore-dressing, Smelting and other Metallurgical Works, etc.(b) ..	2	2	54	101	21	20	200
COAL MINES.							
1. Below Ground—							
Accidents caused by Mine Explosions (Fire Damp, etc.) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Accidents caused by Explosives (Dynamite, etc.) ..	14	..	3	..	3	..	20
Accidents caused by Falls of Earth ..	21	9	38	..	38	..	106
Other Accidents ..	38	1	103	..	174	..	316
2. Above Ground—							
Accidents caused by machinery in motion ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Other Accidents ..	5	..	21	..	18	..	44
Total ..	589	23	313	184	1,363	86	2,558

(a) Complete reports not available. (b) Includes accidents reported by Chief Inspectors of Factories in States other than New South Wales as having occurred in ore-dressing, smelting and metallurgical works. (c) Includes quarries, brick and clay pits, &c.

Sixty-five fatal mining accidents occurred below ground in Australia during the year, as compared with 26 above ground. Fatal accidents in metalliferous mines in 1941 numbered 56, as against 35 in coalmines. The number of non-fatal mining accidents below ground was 1,895 and above ground 663.

CHAPTER V.—ASSOCIATIONS.

§ 1. Labour Organizations.

1. **General.**—In Labour Report No. 2 an outline was given of the method adopted to ascertain the number of members of labour organizations in Australia, and tabulated results up to the end of 1912 were included. From the beginning of 1913 quarterly returns were obtained from a considerable number of trade unions, both as to membership and unemployment, and these were supplemented at the end of each year by special inquiries as to the membership of those unions which, owing to the nature of the callings and industries covered, were unable to furnish quarterly unemployment returns. The following pages show the general situation in regard to the trades union movement in Australia at present, and its development since 1936. The affairs of single unions are not disclosed in the published results and this has assisted in securing complete information. The Bureau is greatly indebted to the secretaries of Trade Unions for their cordial co-operation in regard to the supply of information.

The figures published in this chapter cover the years 1938 to 1942. Particulars for the years 1912 to 1937 will be found in preceding issues of the Labour Report.

2. Trade Unions and Branches—Number and Membership, 1938 to 1942.

The following table gives particulars of the number of separate unions and branches with the number of members at the end of the years 1938 to 1942 :—

Trade Unions : Branches and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W..	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N'thern T'tory.	A.C.T.	Total.	Aust.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1938..	194	147	111	114	136	78	6	15	801	4366
1939..	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	819	4380
1940..	196	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	4381
1941..	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	4374
1942..	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	4377

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1938..	573	400	314	179	202	58	..	1	1,727	b2,162
1939..	598	398	312	178	204	69	..	1	1,760	b2,199
1940..	601	387	309	174	209	71	..	1	1,752	b2,183
1941..	599	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	b2,181
1942..	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	b2,156

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1938..	346,837	215,021	169,569	62,404	67,932	21,051	806	1,538	885,158	895,158
1939..	358,301	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470	914,470
1940..	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,503	68,271	24,556	1,405	1,905	955,862	955,862
1941..	425,522	279,343	193,015	95,289	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942..	483,939	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417

PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.(c)										
1938..	3.7	2.4	4.3	d 2.1	4.2	8.8	d 11.6	5.7	3.3	3.3
1939..	3.3	0.8	6.5	8.7	d 0.1	4.8	d 5.6	9.6	3.4	3.4
1940..	1.7	7.2	5.0	9.2	0.6	1.3	84.6	13.0	4.4	4.4
1941..	16.8	16.4	1.2	33.7	d 4.8	d 1.1	0.1	d 5.6	12.5	12.5
1942..	13.5	12.0	d 0.7	16.9	d 0.7	10.7	..	d 0.1	9.9	9.9

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing (see following remarks). (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of interstate unions, but also head State branches of interstate unions. (c) On preceding year. (d) Decrease.

The types of trade unions in Australia vary greatly, and range from the small independent association to the large interstate organization, which, in its turn, may be a branch of an international union. Broadly speaking, there are four distinct classes of labour organizations :—(i) the local independent; (ii) the State; (iii) the interstate; and (iv) the Australasian or international.

In the table just given, under the heading "Number of Separate Unions," each union represented in a State is counted once only, regardless of the number of branches in that State. In the total number of separate unions in each State (see last column but one), it is obvious that there will be duplication in the case of interstate and similar unions, since each such union is counted once in each State in which it is represented by a Branch. The figures in the last column, therefore, have been obtained by making due allowance for this duplication.

3. **Trade Unions—Industrial Groups, 1938 to 1942.**—The following table gives the number and membership of trade unions in Australia in industrial groups at the end of the years 1938 to 1942. In previous Reports it was pointed out that the number of unions classified in Group XIV. (Miscellaneous), increased considerably during the period 1918 to 1920, and a correspondingly large increase occurred in the membership of the group. During recent years many associations of employees of public and semi-public bodies have been organized, and such unions are now included in the tabulations. Public Service, municipal, banking and insurance associations, which were not previously recognized, are now registered under the provision of the Commonwealth and State Industrial Arbitration Acts, and are therefore classified as industrial bodies. The inclusion of these organizations is responsible, to a great extent, for the increase in Group XIV.

Trade Unions: Industrial Groups, Australia.

Industrial Groups.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
NUMBER OF UNIONS.					
Manufacturing—	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
I. Wood, Furniture, etc. . .	17 (4)	17 (4)	17 (5)	17 (5)	17 (5)
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc. . .	63 (22)	64 (22)	63 (23)	63 (22)	62 (22)
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc. . .	70 (34)	72 (35)	72 (35)	73 (34)	68 (33)
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc. . .	26 (12)	26 (12)	26 (12)	25 (12)	25 (12)
V. Books, Printing, etc. . .	14 (8)	14 (8)	14 (8)	14 (8)	14 (8)
VI. Other Manufacturing . . .	73 (36)	71 (37)	70 (37)	70 (35)	74 (37)
VII. Building . . .	49 (28)	48 (28)	49 (28)	49 (27)	49 (28)
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc. . .	15 (12)	16 (13)	19 (13)	19 (13)	18 (13)
IX. Railway and Tramway Services . .	50 (27)	51 (29)	50 (29)	50 (29)	50 (29)
X. Other Land Transport . . .	13 (6)	13 (6)	13 (6)	13 (6)	13 (6)
XI. Shipping, etc. . .	55 (20)	60 (21)	58 (21)	54 (19)	50 (19)
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. . .	9 (6)	9 (5)	9 (5)	8 (4)	9 (5)
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. . .	20 (16)	19 (18)	18 (17)	18 (17)	18 (17)
XIV. Miscellaneous—					
(i) Banking, Insurance and Clerical . .	32 (16)	33 (20)	33 (20)	33 (20)	33 (21)
(ii) Public Service . . .	148 (50)	147 (50)	142 (49)	142 (49)	142 (49)
(iii) Retail and Wholesale . . .	8 (8)	15 (8)	15 (8)	15 (8)	15 (8)
(iv) Municipal, Sewerage, and Labouring . . .	16 (12)	20 (11)	20 (11)	20 (11)	20 (12)
(v) Other Miscellaneous . . .	123 (49)	124 (53)	124 (54)	124 (55)	115 (53)
Total . . .	801(366)	819(380)	812(381)	807(374)	792(377)

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

Manufacturing—					
I. Wood, Furniture, etc. . .	27,831	27,999	29,520	28,656	25,017
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc. . .	94,228	99,731	112,230	153,911	199,698
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc. . .	75,753	80,328	77,229	79,456	77,731
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc. . .	66,427	68,847	73,489	86,824	96,450
V. Books, Printing, etc. . .	21,661	22,303	22,997	24,049	23,574
VI. Other Manufacturing . . .	48,410	52,074	62,185	86,442	100,069
VII. Building . . .	47,953	45,651	53,998	58,812	69,843
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc. . .	43,429	48,812	49,921	47,048	44,462
IX. Railway and Tramway Services . .	104,523	105,938	101,940	111,922	120,672
X. Other Land Transport . . .	18,969	19,488	18,315	21,290	20,403
XI. Shipping, etc. . .	28,780	28,760	29,173	29,740	32,013
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. . .	38,424	40,276	44,524	43,242	45,742
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. . .	12,835	13,177	16,805	20,381	20,073
XIV. Miscellaneous—					
(i) Banking, Insurance and Clerical . .	37,639	39,013	42,439	48,451	56,176
(ii) Public Service . . .	86,797	89,848	92,688	102,552	115,954
(iii) Retail and Wholesale . . .	34,140	36,290	35,119	36,416	34,516
(iv) Municipal, Sewerage, and Labouring . . .	45,126	46,552	47,673	45,083	47,533
(v) Other Miscellaneous . . .	52,233	50,392	45,617	51,404	52,491
Total . . .	885,158	915,470	955,862	1,075,680	1,182,417

4. **Trade Unions—Number of Male and Female Members and Percentage to Total Wage and Salary Earners.**—(i) *States, 1941.* The estimated number of male and female wage and salary earners (including

unemployed) have been obtained by increasing the number of such persons enumerated at the 1933 Census in ratio to the annual increases in separate age groups for males and females. Further, allowance has been made for (a) increase in the proportion of females who are wage and salary earners, and (b) youths and girls who would normally have been wage and salary earners but who, on account of the economic depression, having never been employed, were not classed as wage and salary earners at the 1933 Census.

The following table shows separately for males and females and for each State (a) the number of members of trade unions; (b) the estimated number of wage and salary earners of each sex 20 years of age and over in all professions, trades, and occupations; and (c) the percentage of the former (a) on the latter (b) at the end of the year 1941. The estimated number of wage and salary earners includes all persons 20 years of age and over in receipt of wages or salary, as well as those unemployed, and therefore embraces a large number of adults who are not eligible for membership of any trade union (such as certain persons employed in professional occupations) as well as others who, while eligible for membership so far as the nature of their trade or occupation is concerned, do not reside in a locality which is covered by any union devoted to their particular trade or occupation. Moreover, the age at which persons are eligible for membership varies in different unions. The census results are classified in quinquennial age groups, and age 20 years is taken as approximating to the age of admission to membership. A line has been added to show the estimated numbers of "junior" workers under 20 years of age:—

Trade Unions: Number of Male and Female Members, and Percentage to Total Wage and Salary Earners, States, 1941.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Nthn. T'ory.	Aus- tralia.
MALES.								
Estimated No. of Adult Wage and Salary Earners (20 years of age and over) ..	686,900	484,100	234,800	146,800	123,500	53,200	3,800	1,733,100
No. of Members of Unions ..	357,410	215,817	155,156	80,636	55,656	20,624	1,349	886,648
Percentage of Members on Estimated No. of Adult Wage and Salary Earners ..	52.0	44.6	66.1	54.9	45.1	38.8	35.5	51.2
Junior Wage and Salary Earners (under 20) ..	115,000	77,700	42,400	26,000	19,000	10,200	300	290,600
FEMALES.								
Estimated No. of Adult Wage and Salary Earners (20 years of age and over) ..	176,900	146,500	52,500	37,100	24,000	11,900	300	449,200
No. of Members of Unions ..	69,910	54,526	30,859	14,653	9,359	3,668	57	189,032
Percentage of Members on Estimated No. of Adult Wage and Salary Earners ..	39.5	37.2	70.2	39.5	39.0	30.8	19.0	42.1
Junior Wage and Salary Earners (under 20) ..	99,800	66,100	26,200	19,800	11,800	6,600	100	230,400
PERSONS.								
Estimated No. of Adult Wage and Salary Earners (20 years of age and over) ..	863,800	630,600	287,300	183,900	147,500	65,100	4,100	2,182,300
No. of Members of Unions ..	427,320	270,343	192,015	95,289	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,075,680
Percentage of Members on Estimated No. of Adult Wage and Salary Earners ..	49.5	42.9	66.8	51.8	44.1	37.3	34.3	49.3
Junior Wage and Salary Earners (under 20) ..	214,800	143,800	68,600	45,800	30,800	16,800	400	521,000

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(ii) *Australia*.—Similar particulars for Australia for the five years 1938 to 1942 are given in the next table.

Trade Unions: Number of Male and Female Members and Percentage to Total Wage and Salary Earners, Australia. (a)

Particulars.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
MALES.					
Estimated Number of Adult Wage and Salary Earners (20 years of age and over)	1,488,200	1,507,500	1,564,500	1,733,100	1,790,000
Number of Members of Unions	748,749	778,336	806,572	886,648	943,555
Percentage of Members on Estimated Number of Adult Wage and Salary Earners	50.3	51.6	51.6	51.2	52.7
Junior Wage and Salary Earners (under 20)	273,200	275,600	284,000	290,600	296,000
FEMALES.					
Estimated Number of Adult Wage and Salary Earners (20 years of age and over)	410,900	417,600	430,200	449,200	473,700
Number of Members of Unions	136,409	137,134	149,290	189,032	238,862
Percentage of Members on Estimated Number of Adult Wage and Salary Earners	33.2	32.8	34.7	42.1	50.4
Junior Wage and Salary Earners (under 20)	183,900	187,200	209,300	230,400	258,300
PERSONS.					
Estimated Number of Adult Wage and Salary Earners (20 years of age and over)	1,899,100	1,925,100	1,994,700	2,182,300	2,263,700
Number of Members of Unions	885,158	915,470	955,862	1,075,680	1,182,417
Percentage of Members on Estimated Number of Adult Wage and Salary Earners	46.6	47.6	47.9	49.3	52.2
Junior Wage and Salary Earners (under 20)	457,100	462,800	493,300	521,000	554,300

(a) Includes wage earners enlisted in armed forces.

5. Trade Unions—Classification according to Number of Members, 1938 to 1942.—The following table shows the number and membership of all trade unions in Australia for the years 1938 to 1942 inclusive, classified according to size. In this table interstate unions are counted once only :—

Trade Unions: Classification according to Number of Members, Australia.

Classification.	10,000 and over.	5,000 and under 10,000.	2,000 and under 5,000.	1,000 and under 2,000.	500 and under 1,000.	300 and under 500.	200 and under 300.	100 and under 200.	50 and under 100.	Under 50.	Total.
NUMBER OF UNIONS.											
1938 ..	27	10	45	43	45	31	29	44	39	53	366
1939 ..	27	14	41	43	52	28	30	52	41	52	380
1940 ..	28	11	45	45	49	35	29	49	38	52	381
1941 ..	32	14	44	42	46	32	28	48	37	51	374
1942 ..	33	13	48	40	46	34	29	48	36	50	377
MEMBERSHIP.											
1938 ..	543,442	68,881	149,337	60,978	32,258	12,953	6,722	6,375	2,626	1,586	885,158
1939 ..	568,624	87,077	134,204	59,283	36,776	10,576	7,483	7,225	2,655	1,565	915,470
1940 ..	590,282	76,725	156,697	63,803	36,957	13,213	7,046	6,802	2,560	1,687	955,862
1941 ..	710,705	109,030	135,077	54,190	35,622	12,183	7,827	6,929	2,513	1,604	1,075,680
1942 ..	815,628	111,759	147,204	43,039	34,471	12,429	6,948	6,575	2,708	1,656	1,182,417
PERCENTAGE ON TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.											
1938 ..	61.4	7.7	16.9	6.9	3.6	1.5	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.2	100.0
1939 ..	62.1	9.5	14.7	6.5	4.0	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.2	100.0
1940 ..	61.7	8.0	16.4	6.7	3.9	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.2	100.0
1941 ..	66.1	10.1	12.6	5.0	3.3	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.2	100.0
1942 ..	69.0	9.5	12.4	3.6	2.9	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.1	100.0

In the last part of the preceding table the percentage which the membership in each group bears to the total membership of all groups is given for the years 1938 to 1942. The tendency towards closer organization is evidenced by the fact that though membership of trade unions has increased since 1912 by 173 per cent., the number of unions having less than 2,000 members has considerably decreased, namely, from 360 to 283.

6. Interstate or Federated Trade Unions.—The following table gives particulars regarding number and membership of interstate or federated trade unions having branches in two or more States. The figures include interstate unions registered under the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act, as well as federated unions which are not so registered :—

Interstate or Federated Trade Unions : Number and Membership.

PARTICULARS.	UNIONS OPERATING IN—					TOTAL.
	2 States.	3 States.	4 States.	5 States.	6 States.(a)	
Number of Unions	1938 ..	16	12	19	23	43
	1939 ..	19	11	20	24	42
	1940 ..	18	13	19	25	42
	1941 ..	17	11	18	27	42
	1942 ..	18	12	17	26	43
Number of Members	1938 ..	27,713	20,279	140,214	190,700	352,405
	1939 ..	30,888	33,319	120,664	209,369	361,884
	1940 ..	28,730	46,757	138,840	210,020	379,085
	1941 ..	29,873	34,408	170,994	263,845	408,401
	1942 ..	30,871	37,944	169,561	299,388	495,147
						1,032,911

(a) Certain unions in this group have, in addition to branches in each of the six States, branches in the Northern Territory and in the Australian Capital Territory.

The number of organizations operating in two or more States has increased from 72 in 1912 to 116 in 1942, and the percentage of the membership of such organizations on the total membership of all organizations has risen from 65 per cent. to 87 per cent. during the same period.

7. Central Labour Organizations.—In each of the capital cities, as well as in a number of other industrial centres, delegate organizations, consisting of representatives from a group of trade unions, have been established. Their revenue is raised by means of a *per capita* tax on the members of each affiliated union. In the majority of the towns where such central organizations exist, most of the local unions are affiliated with the central organization, which is usually known as the Labour or Trades Hall Council, or the Labour Federation. In Western Australia a unified system of organization extends over the industrial centres throughout the State, and there is a provincial branch of the Australian Labour Party, having a central council and executive, and metropolitan and branch district councils to which the local bodies are affiliated. The central council, on which all district councils are represented, meets periodically. In the other States, however, the organization is not so close, and though provision usually exists in the rules of the central council in the capital city of each State for the organization of district councils, or for the representation on the central council of the local councils in the smaller industrial centres of the State, the councils in each State are,

as a matter of fact, independent bodies. The table hereunder gives the number of metropolitan and district or local labour councils, together with the number of unions and branches of unions affiliated therewith in each State at the end of the years 1937 to 1941.

Central Labour Organizations : Number, and Branch Unions Affiliated.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N. Ter.	A.C.T.	Total.	
No. of Councils	1937 ..	3	5	6	2	8	2	..	1	27
	1938 ..	3	5	6	2	8	2	..	1	27
	1939 ..	3	5	6	2	8	2	..	1	27
	1940 ..	3	5	6	2	8	2	..	1	27
	1941 ..	3	5	6	2	8	2	..	1	27
No. of Unions and Branch Unions Affiliated	1937 ..	91	167	85	53	213	59	..	10	678
	1938 ..	100	176	78	47	210	59	..	9	679
	1939 ..	103	179	79	50	210	59	..	9	680
	1940 ..	105	177	81	50	209	57	..	9	688
	1941 ..	105	177	81	50	208	57	..	9	687

The figures regarding number of unions do not necessarily represent separate unions, since the branches of a large union may be affiliated with the local trades councils in the several towns in which they are represented.

Between the trade union and the central organization of unions may be classed certain State or district councils organized on trade lines and composed of delegates from separate unions, the interests of the members of which are closely connected by reason of the occupations of their members such, for example, as delegate councils of bakers, bread carters and mill employees, or of unions connected directly or indirectly with the metal trades, or with the building trades.

A Central Labour Organization, called the Australasian Council of Trade Unions, came into being during 1927. The Council was created to function on behalf of the Trade Unions of Australia, and was founded at an All-Australian Trade Union Congress, held in Melbourne in May, 1927. The Australasian Council is based on the Metropolitan Trades and Labour Councils in each State, such bodies having the right to appoint two representatives to act on the Executive of the Council. In addition to the representatives from the Metropolitan Councils, the Executive consists of four officers, viz., the President, two Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary, who are elected by and from the All-Australian Trade Union Congress.

The objective of the Council is the socialization of industry, i.e., production, distribution and exchange. The methods to be adopted are:— (a) The closer organization of the workers by the transformation of the Australian Trade Union Movement from the Craft to an Industrial basis by the establishment of one Union in each industry; (b) the consolidation of the Australasian Labour Movement with the object of unified control, administration, and action; (c) the centralized control of industrial disputes; and (d) educational propaganda among Unions.

The A.C.T.U. is the first interstate body in Australia with authority to deal with industrial matters of an interstate character affecting the Trade Union movement generally. It is also the body responsible for submitting the names of suitable persons, from which the Commonwealth Government selects the Australian Workers' delegate to the Annual International Labour Conference.

APPENDIX.

Section I.

Sydney : Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of the Year, 1941.

Article.	Unit.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Average 1941.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98	6.04	6.06	6.08	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.90	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.30	8.30	8.15	8.21
Tea ..	lb.	31.95	31.95	31.95	31.95	33.95	33.95	34.95	35.80	38.00	39.80	39.80	41.80	35.49
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.44
Sago ..	"	4.10	4.20	4.25	4.33	4.38	4.53	4.53	4.68	4.78	5.08	5.03	5.28	4.60
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.65	10.65	10.53
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	2.98	3.08	3.35	3.50	3.60	3.68	3.73	3.75	3.78	3.75	3.80	3.80	3.57
Raisins, seeded ..	"	10.90	10.90	10.90	10.90	11.05	11.15	11.15	11.15	11.05	11.25	11.25	11.30	11.08
Currants ..	"	9.50	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.63	9.60	9.81	9.81	9.89	10.05	10.06	10.11	9.77
Apricots, dried ..	"	17.28	17.28	16.89	16.89	16.81	16.81	16.81	16.94	16.94	16.93	16.75	16.75	16.92
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10
Pears, canned ..	"	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.10
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	18.65	18.75	19.00	19.05	19.25	19.25	19.25	20.05	20.15	20.15	20.25	20.35	19.51
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	16.55	9.88	10.61	9.92	9.38	8.60	9.03	8.74	9.67	11.13	10.36	11.60	10.46
Onions, brown ..	lb.	4.00	3.07	2.71	2.83	2.83	2.50	2.64	3.50	4.50	5.66	5.75	4.00	3.67
Soap ..	"	6.57	6.60	6.60	6.60	6.66	6.66	6.66	6.69	6.63	6.66	6.66	6.66	6.64
Kerosene ..	quart	5.11	5.11	5.11	5.11	5.11	5.11	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.39	5.42	5.42	5.20
Dairy Produce—														
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05
Cheese, mild ..	"	15.30	15.30	15.30	15.30	15.30	15.30	15.30	15.20	15.30	15.30	15.30	15.30	15.29
Eggs, new laid ..	1 doz.	18.90	20.70	20.85	23.80	24.10	21.05	19.00	17.00	17.05	17.00	16.15	17.00	19.38
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.50	17.35	17.20	17.00	16.90	17.25	17.25	17.75	17.85	17.41
Milk, condensed ..	1 tin	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.10	9.10	9.05	9.05	9.15	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.15	9.07
" fresh ..	1 quart	7.10	7.10	7.13	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.10
Meat—														
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.10	12.50	12.20	11.75	11.05	11.10	11.20	11.50	11.45	11.40	11.20	11.55	11.67
" rib ..	"	9.40	9.05	8.85	8.55	7.95	7.90	8.15	8.35	8.35	8.45	8.25	8.60	8.49
" steak, rump ..	"	19.20	18.50	17.80	17.70	17.20	17.00	17.40	17.30	17.40	17.60	17.80	18.20	17.76
" chuck ..	"	9.10	8.65	8.35	8.35	8.20	8.20	8.05	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.50	8.42
" sausages ..	"	6.75	6.85	6.85	6.85	6.75	6.70	6.70	6.60	6.65	6.65	6.65	6.70	6.73
Beef (corned) silver														
side ..	"	10.65	10.20	9.95	9.70	9.00	8.70	8.65	9.00	9.00	9.15	9.15	9.30	9.37
brisket ..	"	7.90	7.40	7.45	7.15	6.95	6.65	6.65	7.00	6.80	6.90	6.95	7.05	7.07
Mutton, leg ..	"	8.00	7.70	7.50	7.35	6.67	6.61	6.78	6.83	7.00	6.89	6.67	6.67	7.06
" forequarter ..	"	4.70	4.65	4.60	4.55	3.92	3.83	4.00	3.91	4.00	4.00	3.83	3.83	4.15
" loin ..	"	8.90	8.65	8.60	8.55	8.22	7.89	8.22	7.89	8.00	8.06	8.17	8.17	8.30
" chops, loin ..	"	9.70	9.55	9.40	9.25	8.56	8.56	8.67	8.50	8.50	8.67	8.61	8.61	8.92
" leg ..	"	9.05	9.10	8.85	8.80	9.06	8.39	8.11	8.22	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.11	8.44
Pork, leg ..	"	14.00	13.30	13.10	12.90	11.70	12.10	12.60	12.80	12.75	13.05	13.30	13.40	12.92
" loin ..	"	14.20	14.00	13.90	13.70	12.00	12.45	13.05	13.20	13.40	13.40	13.90	13.90	13.43
" chops ..	"	14.25	13.95	13.75	13.45	12.33	12.65	12.75	13.10	13.00	13.30	13.25	13.25	13.25

NOTE.—Comparative figures for months of 1942 appear in Nos. 167–170 of Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.

SECTION I.—continued.

Melbourne : Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of the Year, 1941.

Article.	Unit.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Average, 1941.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.10	4.15	4.15	4.15
" self-raising ..	"	7.95	8.00	7.85	7.55	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.40	7.35	7.53
Tea ..	lb.	33.25	33.25	33.25	33.25	35.05	35.05	36.00	37.00	39.10	41.20	41.40	43.00	36.73
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.58	3.58	3.63	3.58	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.55
Sago ..	"	4.03	4.05	4.13	4.30	4.30	4.40	4.70	4.85	5.00	5.10	5.20	5.45	4.63
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.35	9.25	9.30	9.30	9.25	9.20	9.20	9.20	9.20	9.20	9.25	9.20	9.24
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.15	7.20
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.00	3.03	3.11	3.19	3.19	3.36	3.44	3.58	3.64	3.69	3.72	3.67	3.39
Raisins, seeded ..	"	10.75	10.80	10.80	10.90	10.90	10.95	11.00	11.05	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	10.96
Currants ..	"	9.06	9.14	9.21	9.29	9.36	9.42	9.50	9.50	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.40
Apricots, dried ..	"	17.13	17.33	17.00	17.25	17.25	17.33	17.30	17.25	17.25	17.20	17.20	17.44	17.25
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	10.30	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.37
Pears, canned ..	"	11.20	11.25	11.20	11.20	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.20	11.20	11.25	11.23
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	16.89	17.22	17.67	17.89	18.50	18.44	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.83	19.00	18.20
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	16.32	8.43	6.00	5.81	4.41	4.57	4.35	7.05	7.06	7.14	7.20	9.95	7.36
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.11	2.38	1.83	1.83	1.78	1.83	2.50	3.17	3.56	3.75	3.38	1.94	2.59
Soap ..	"	7.02	7.11	6.98	6.98	6.98	6.98	6.98	6.98	6.98	6.98	6.98	6.98	6.99
Kerosene ..	quart	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.77	5.88	5.88	5.88	5.88	6.02	6.05	5.84
Dairy Produce—														
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	13.31	13.31	13.31	13.44	13.31	13.44	13.44	13.39	13.50	13.50	13.72	13.61	13.44
Eggs, new laid ..	1 doz.	18.10	20.05	21.05	25.80	27.11	24.20	29.70	18.20	15.35	15.05	15.00	15.95	19.71
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.45	20.45	20.45	20.25	20.15	19.80	19.80	20.00	20.00	20.28	20.35	20.35	20.19
Milk, condensed ..	1 tin	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60
" fresh ..	1 quart	6.85	6.85	6.85	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.23
Meat—														
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.55	11.75	11.45	11.45	11.30	10.85	11.00	11.25	11.35	11.30	11.05	11.00	11.28
" rib ..	"	9.45	9.20	9.25	9.30	8.90	8.85	8.85	8.95	9.10	9.25	8.70	8.90	9.06
" steak, rump ..	"	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.20	16.70	17.20	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.28
" „ chuck ..	"	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.85	8.00	7.95	7.85	7.90	8.00	8.05	7.90	7.85	7.91
" sausages ..	"	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.25	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.15	6.10	6.24
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	9.90	10.00	9.90	9.80	9.60	9.70	9.40	9.40	9.50	9.55	9.45	9.45	9.64
" brisket ..	"	7.60	7.55	7.55	7.50	7.15	7.25	6.95	7.05	7.20	7.20	7.25	7.25	7.29
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.80	7.75	7.85	7.85	7.25	7.30	7.45	7.50	7.70	7.80	7.50	7.60	7.61
" forequarter ..	"	4.60	4.55	4.50	4.55	4.30	4.30	4.20	4.55	4.55	4.45	4.35	4.15	4.42
" loin ..	"	7.40	7.35	7.50	7.40	7.20	7.10	6.80	6.95	7.10	7.05	7.00	6.95	7.15
" chops, loin ..	"	8.65	8.55	8.65	8.80	8.40	8.50	8.05	8.25	8.35	8.30	8.20	8.20	8.41
" „ leg ..	"	9.05	9.25	9.25	9.25	8.95	9.00	8.65	8.65	8.85	8.75	8.85	8.70	8.93
Pork, leg ..	"	12.55	12.25	12.25	12.20	11.70	11.50	11.40	11.85	11.95	11.90	11.95	12.15	11.97
" loin ..	"	13.00	12.70	12.80	12.70	12.20	12.00	12.00	12.20	12.50	12.30	12.50	12.60	12.46
" chops ..	"	13.60	13.30	13.20	13.20	12.90	12.60	12.50	12.70	12.90	12.90	13.00	12.90	12.98

NOTE.—Comparative figures for months of 1942 appear in Nos. 167-170 of Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.

SECTION I.—continued.

Brisbane : Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of the Year, 1941.

Article.	Unit.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Average, 1941.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05
" self-raising ..	"	8.23	8.23	8.23	8.23	8.23	8.23	8.23	8.23	8.18	8.23	8.23	8.23	8.23
Tea ..	lb.	31.68	31.77	31.77	31.77	33.59	33.73	34.73	35.73	37.73	39.27	39.64	41.77	35.27
Sugar ..	"	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.98	3.98
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.39	3.39	3.39	3.39	3.39	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.45	3.42
Bago ..	"	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.27	4.27	4.41	4.55	4.68	4.82	4.95	5.14	5.05	4.53
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.04	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.90	8.97	8.97	9.04	8.97	8.97	8.99
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.73	6.73	6.73	6.73	6.77	6.77	6.77	6.77	6.77	6.77	6.73	6.73	6.75
Oats, flaked ..	"	3.14	3.39	3.50	3.73	3.84	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.95	3.95	3.98	3.98	3.75
Raisins, seeded ..	lb.	11.41	11.36	11.41	11.36	11.36	11.45	11.50	11.41	11.50	11.50	11.55	11.64	11.45
Currants ..	"	10.17	10.17	10.15	10.11	10.25	10.35	10.15	10.22	10.28	10.40	10.35	10.35	10.25
Apricots, dried ..	"	17.17	17.09	17.05	17.45	17.45	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.55	17.55	17.50	17.45
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.64	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.72
Pears, canned ..	"	12.41	12.41	12.41	12.41	12.41	12.41	12.41	12.41	12.41	12.50	12.55	12.55	12.44
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	19.05	19.32	19.41	19.41	19.64	19.00	19.91	19.91	20.14	19.95	19.86	19.82	19.69
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	19.23	10.77	10.50	10.18	8.27	7.77	7.91	8.00	8.27	9.27	11.73	12.77	10.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	4.00	2.95	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.23	2.36	3.50	4.00	5.56	4.28	2.95	3.18
Soap ..	"	6.24	6.27	6.27	6.27	6.27	6.27	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.25
Kerosene ..	quart	4.76	4.76	4.76	4.79	4.79	4.81	4.83	4.83	4.83	5.10	5.13	5.11	4.88
Dairy Produce—														
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	13.36	13.36	13.36	13.45	13.32	13.32	13.27	13.27	13.27	13.27	13.27	13.27	13.32
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	17.55	20.00	20.82	26.73	26.64	20.82	18.00	16.82	15.91	15.59	15.59	15.68	19.18
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	15.50	15.50	15.59	15.41	15.14	14.95	14.77	14.82	14.86	15.23	15.86	15.86	15.29
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.32	9.32	9.36	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.39
" fresh ..	quart	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25
Meat—														
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.35	11.15	10.95	10.35	9.85	9.65	10.00	10.05	10.25	10.70	10.85	11.45	10.55
" rib ..	"	8.05	7.90	7.65	7.15	6.75	6.65	6.85	6.85	6.95	6.85	6.90	7.05	7.13
" steak, rump ..	"	15.20	14.75	14.20	13.60	13.25	12.40	13.30	13.30	13.50	14.35	14.45	15.30	13.97
" chuck ..	"	8.25	8.00	7.55	7.15	6.90	6.35	7.00	7.00	7.05	7.25	7.30	7.75	7.30
" sausages ..	"	7.90	7.00	6.90	6.70	6.55	6.50	6.55	6.55	6.60	7.05	7.15	7.20	6.81
Beef, (corned) silver-side ..	"	9.80	9.65	9.15	8.80	8.60	8.15	8.55	8.40	8.45	9.35	9.45	9.90	9.02
" brisket ..	"	7.55	7.35	7.15	6.65	6.45	6.30	6.55	6.65	6.70	7.10	7.15	7.45	6.92
" Mutton, leg ..	"	8.65	8.80	8.70	8.60	8.20	8.35	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.85	7.85	7.75	8.20
" forequarter ..	"	6.05	5.90	5.75	5.80	5.55	5.65	5.30	5.35	5.30	5.20	5.15	5.10	5.51
" loin ..	"	8.20	8.25	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.05	7.35	7.40	7.30	7.25	7.15	7.25	7.71
" chops, loin ..	"	8.50	8.55	8.40	8.45	8.30	8.30	7.60	7.65	7.65	7.60	7.60	7.50	8.01
" leg ..	"	8.75	8.85	8.70	8.75	8.45	8.45	7.95	7.95	7.90	7.85	7.95	7.85	8.28
Pork, leg ..	"	12.05	11.90	11.40	11.00	11.05	11.30	11.35	11.50	11.75	11.65	11.70	11.85	11.54
" loin ..	"	12.10	11.90	11.45	11.15	11.10	11.30	11.40	11.45	11.60	11.45	11.60	11.70	11.52
" chops ..	"	12.20	12.10	11.55	11.35	11.40	11.40	11.55	11.55	11.80	11.65	11.80	12.00	11.70

NOTE.—Comparative figures for months of 1942 appear in Nos. 167–170 of Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.

SECTION I.—continued.

Adelaide : Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of the Year, 1941.

Article.	Unit.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Average, 1941.
Groceries, &c.—	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.71
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55
" self-raising ..	"	7.30	7.39	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.40	7.40	7.25	7.25	7.20	7.20	7.47
Tea ..	lb.	32.70	33.05	33.05	33.05	34.85	35.05	35.95	37.05	39.05	41.05	41.05	43.05	36.58
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Sago ..	"	3.80	3.85	3.90	3.90	4.05	4.15	4.15	4.25	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.50	4.12
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	8.75	8.80	8.85	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.05	9.05	9.05	9.15	9.20	9.25	9.00
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.60	6.60	6.60	6.56
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.03	3.18	3.23	3.28	3.35	3.35	3.40	3.58	3.60	3.63	3.63	3.63	3.41
Raisins, seeded ..	"	9.70	9.70	9.85	9.85	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.30	10.35	10.45	10.55	10.11
Currants ..	"	8.70	8.63	8.72	8.69	8.64	8.69	8.60	8.75	8.75	8.81	8.81	8.84	8.74
Apricots, dried ..	"	16.30	16.25	16.55	16.60	16.40	16.40	16.40	16.45	16.55	16.65	16.81	17.21	16.55
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.35	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.50	10.55	10.60	10.38
Pears, canned ..	"	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.45	10.50	10.55	10.65	10.34
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	16.80	16.80	16.80	17.05	17.30	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.60	17.60	17.95	18.17	17.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	12.57	11.21	9.13	7.06	6.51	5.44	5.04	4.90	4.90	6.25	8.71	12.14	7.82
Onions, brown ..	lb.	1.29	2.13	1.93	1.86	1.79	1.79	2.00	2.31	3.79	4.19	4.08	3.58	2.56
Soap ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Kerosene ..	quart	4.89	4.98	4.96	4.96	4.96	4.93	4.96	4.96	4.83	5.04	5.04	5.10	4.97
Dairy Produce—														
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.05
Cheese, mild ..	"	12.40	12.40	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.75	12.54
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	14.00	16.25	17.20	19.70	23.35	23.35	17.40	14.85	13.10	13.25	13.40	13.60	16.60
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	18.15	18.15	18.15	16.35	16.30	16.30	17.00	17.20	17.30	17.25	17.25	17.45	17.24
Milk, condensed ..	tin	8.95	9.31	9.29	9.15	9.15	9.15	9.15	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.20
" fresh ..	quart	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.93
Meat—														
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	10.65	11.15	11.25	11.15	10.15	10.00	9.95	9.95	10.05	10.10	10.00	9.90	10.36
" rib ..	"	8.60	9.35	9.40	9.15	8.50	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.15	8.20	8.20	8.00	8.49
" steak, rump ..	"	14.60	15.40	15.40	15.40	14.30	13.70	13.80	13.70	13.80	13.80	14.00	13.90	14.32
" chuck ..	"	9.10	9.80	9.80	9.60	8.90	8.80	8.70	8.60	8.70	8.70	8.60	8.40	8.98
" sausages ..	"	5.90	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.74
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.50	11.15	11.05	11.00	10.10	10.00	9.80	9.85	9.85	9.90	10.05	10.15	10.28
" " brisket ..	"	7.95	8.20	8.25	8.20	7.50	7.55	7.45	7.35	7.35	7.30	7.40	7.35	7.65
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.70	8.15	8.10	8.00	7.80	7.70	7.65	7.55	7.70	7.40	7.40	7.35	7.71
" forequarter ..	"	4.05	4.50	4.30	4.20	4.10	4.10	4.00	4.00	4.10	3.90	3.80	3.75	4.07
" loin ..	"	6.85	7.45	7.45	7.35	7.25	7.30	7.00	7.00	7.25	7.05	6.95	6.85	7.15
" chops, loin ..	"	7.00	8.30	8.30	8.20	8.10	8.00	8.00	7.80	8.20	7.70	7.50	7.80	7.98
" " leg ..	"	8.80	9.20	9.20	9.10	8.60	8.80	8.80	8.55	8.80	8.60	8.65	8.70	8.82
Pork, leg ..	"	10.60	10.40	9.80	9.35	9.05	9.55	9.55	9.30	9.55	10.20	10.25	11.30	9.91
" loin ..	"	11.55	11.20	10.85	9.70	9.50	9.70	9.75	9.50	10.15	10.60	10.75	11.85	10.43
" chops ..	"	11.45	11.20	10.80	10.10	9.60	10.20	10.00	10.20	10.50	10.90	10.90	12.20	10.67

NOTE.—Comparative figures for months of 1942 appear in Nos. 167–170 of Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.

SECTION I.—continued.

Perth : Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of the Year, 1941.

Article.	Unit.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Average, 1941.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.03
" self-raising ..	"	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.95	7.86
Tea ..	lb.	32.90	32.89	32.89	32.89	34.90	34.90	35.90	36.90	38.90	40.90	40.90	42.90	36.48
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.61
Sago ..	"	4.10	4.10	4.30	4.45	4.55	4.70	5.05	5.30	5.45	5.70	5.85	5.85	4.95
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.70	9.70	9.65	9.70	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.85	9.85	9.85	9.75
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.40	7.40	7.45	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.75	3.80	3.93	3.93	4.03	4.08	4.08	4.21	4.21	4.21	4.21	4.21	4.05
Raisins, seeded ..	"	10.75	10.75	10.95	11.05	11.10	11.20	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.16
Currants ..	"	9.55	9.55	9.55	9.60	9.65	9.65	9.75	9.78	9.78	9.69	9.69	9.69	9.66
Apricots, dried ..	"	16.30	16.11	16.40	16.50	16.50	16.60	16.60	16.60	16.60	16.60	16.60	16.60	16.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	12.15	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.06
Pears, canned ..	"	13.00	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.87
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	17.72	18.17	18.39	18.50	18.61	19.17	19.33	19.33	19.33	19.44	19.56	20.22	18.98
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	9.95	10.30	10.75	10.95	8.80	8.50	8.40	8.25	9.00	9.90	9.70	8.40	9.41
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.85	2.90	2.80	2.75	2.60	2.85	3.15	3.55	4.20	5.33	5.39	2.35	3.39
Soap ..	"	6.67	6.67	6.67	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.74	6.70
Kerosene ..	quart	5.45	5.48	5.49	5.49	5.49	5.51	5.61	5.71	5.74	5.85	5.97	5.99	5.65
Dairy Produce—														
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.05	20.15	20.15	20.05	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.03
Cheese, mild ..	"	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.30	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.65	15.33
Eggs, new laid ..	1 doz.	16.56	20.00	22.40	25.10	30.50	26.10	17.70	17.00	16.10	16.60	15.30	16.20	19.96
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.33
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.40	9.40	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.40	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.44
" fresh ..	quart	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Meat—														
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	9.90	9.90	10.30	11.20	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.60	10.65	10.55	10.35	10.35	10.83
" rib ..	"	8.75	8.80	8.90	9.60	10.00	10.00	9.90	9.90	9.90	9.90	8.85	8.85	9.31
" steak, rump ..	"	15.90	15.90	16.60	17.30	17.60	17.60	17.60	17.60	17.20	17.20	16.90	16.90	17.03
" chuck ..	"	8.70	8.70	9.20	10.20	10.40	10.60	10.60	10.40	10.20	9.90	9.60	9.60	9.84
" sausages ..	"	7.70	7.60	7.60	7.80	7.80	7.90	7.90	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.95	7.85
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	8.95	8.95	8.95	9.75	10.05	10.05	9.95	10.00	9.65	9.65	9.50	9.50	9.58
" brisket ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.20	7.65	7.75	7.70	7.70	7.90	7.60	7.45	7.45	7.50	7.49
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.85	7.85	8.10	8.23	9.60	9.70	9.55	8.90	8.75	8.65	8.35	8.35	8.66
" forequarter ..	"	4.90	4.80	4.90	5.25	6.25	6.55	6.45	5.85	5.75	5.75	5.20	5.15	5.57
" loin ..	"	7.70	7.60	7.55	7.60	8.75	8.80	8.90	8.55	8.15	8.20	7.95	7.95	8.16
" chops, loin ..	"	8.55	8.70	8.70	8.70	9.80	9.75	9.75	9.10	9.10	9.10	8.95	8.95	9.10
" leg ..	"	8.70	8.60	8.70	8.80	10.10	9.95	10.00	9.50	9.60	9.55	9.35	9.35	9.35
Pork, leg ..	"	12.00	11.90	11.90	11.70	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.60	11.60	11.50	11.50	11.60	11.65
" loin ..	"	12.30	12.00	12.00	11.90	11.60	11.70	11.80	11.90	11.90	11.80	11.70	11.80	11.87
" chops ..	"	12.50	12.30	12.30	12.15	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.10	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.10	12.12

NOTE.—Comparative figures for months of 1942 appear in Nos. 167-170 of Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.

SECTION I.—continued.

Hobart : Average Retail Prices of Chief Food and Groceries Items during each Month of the Year, 1941.

Article.	Unit.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Average, 1941.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.15
" self-raising ..	"	7.70	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.70	7.70	7.55	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.65
Tea ..	lb.	32.90	33.10	33.10	33.15	34.95	35.05	35.85	36.85	38.85	40.90	40.90	42.90	36.54
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.80	3.80	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.90	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85
Sago ..	"	4.55	4.60	4.65	4.75	4.85	5.05	5.20	5.30	5.55	5.55	5.65	5.65	5.11
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.65	8.80	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.90	8.95	8.74
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	8.20	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.28
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.75	3.73	3.73	3.73	3.98	3.93	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13	3.97
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.05	11.20	11.25	11.30	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.60	11.20
Currants ..	"	9.80	9.80	9.85	9.85	9.94	10.10	10.06	10.19	10.19	10.19	10.28	10.33	10.05
Apricots, dried ..	"	17.57	18.14	18.14	17.75	17.90	17.58	17.61	17.22	17.22	17.63	17.22	17.22	17.60
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	11.55	11.55	11.55	11.55	11.55	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.58
Pears, canned ..	"	11.55	11.55	11.65	11.65	11.65	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.67
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	17.67	19.14	19.50	19.50	19.83	20.14	19.83	19.57	19.57	19.83	20.33	20.80	19.64
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	16.11	14.02	10.31	9.51	8.91	7.28	6.90	6.72	6.46	6.52	6.68	10.34	9.15
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.05	3.55	2.75	2.75	2.65	2.60	2.70	3.45	4.06	4.50	4.50	3.56	3.42
Soap ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Kerosene ..	quart	6.25	6.26	6.28	6.28	6.28	6.28	6.71	6.71	6.71	7.00	7.00	7.02	6.57
Dairy Produce—														
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.13	14.13	14.13	14.13	14.13	14.13	14.38	14.56	14.67	14.78	14.89	15.00	14.42
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	12.35	22.00	18.00	27.90	29.00	27.90	22.15	17.60	12.20	14.30	14.20	17.90	19.63
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.25	17.35	17.40	17.40	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.41
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.75	9.75	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.79
" fresh ..	quart	6.67	6.67	6.78	6.67	6.67	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.11	6.94
Meat														
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	10.50	10.60	10.50	10.50	10.30	10.40	10.65	11.05	11.45	11.50	11.56	11.20	10.85
" rib ..	"	9.20	9.30	9.35	9.25	9.05	9.05	9.30	10.00	10.25	10.00	10.00	9.75	9.54
" steak, rump ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.10	15.10	15.10	14.90	15.20	15.30	15.70	15.90	16.22	16.00	15.38
" chuck ..	"	8.80	8.70	8.75	8.70	8.60	8.60	8.70	9.00	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.35	8.96
" sausages ..	"	7.20	7.10	7.00	7.00	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.70	6.80	6.78	6.70	6.91
Beef (corned) silver ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.50	10.65	10.95	11.30	10.95	11.11	10.90	10.72
" side ..	"	8.90	8.80	8.70	8.70	8.85	8.85	8.90	9.25	9.60	9.15	9.15	8.95	8.98
" brisket ..	"	9.30	9.00	8.80	8.80	7.75	7.95	8.90	8.25	9.00	9.35	9.28	8.70	8.65
Mutton, " leg ..	"	5.95	5.65	5.45	5.45	4.65	4.70	4.85	5.00	6.15	6.35	6.44	5.65	5.52
" forequarter ..	"	8.35	8.35	7.90	7.90	7.15	7.15	7.30	7.50	8.05	8.35	8.17	7.50	7.81
" loin ..	"	9.80	9.90	9.40	9.60	8.65	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.30	9.80	9.50	9.20	9.33
" chops, loin ..	"	10.50	10.30	10.00	10.00	9.05	9.00	9.20	9.20	9.90	10.35	10.11	9.90	9.70
Pork, " leg ..	"	12.20	12.30	12.10	13.00	12.40	12.40	12.40	13.00	13.10	13.10	12.78	12.80	12.63
" loin ..	"	12.50	12.40	12.10	13.10	12.40	12.50	12.70	13.00	13.60	13.40	13.22	12.90	12.82
" chops ..	"	13.00	13.20	12.80	13.70	12.90	12.80	13.10	13.30	13.80	13.80	13.67	13.30	13.28

NOTE.—Comparative figures for months of 1942 appear in Nos. 167–170 of Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.

Section II.

Weekly House Rents (a) in Metropolitan and Country Towns.

TOWN.	WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY RENTS FOR 4 AND 5 ROOMS COMBINED.				
	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
NEW SOUTH WALES—					
Sydney	22 7	23 3	23 5	23 5	23 5
Newcastle	19 4	20 0	20 3	20 3	20 3
Broken Hill	15 4	16 0	16 4	16 3	15 11
Goulburn	18 4	18 3	18 3	18 6	18 6
Bathurst	17 3	17 8	17 9	17 9	17 8
Weighted Average	22 1	22 9	22 11	23 0	23 0
VICTORIA—					
Melbourne	21 0	21 5	21 9	21 11	21 11
Ballarat	14 7	15 0	14 9	14 10	14 10
Bendigo	14 10	15 4	15 5	15 6	15 7
Geelong	19 1	19 8	19 10	20 0	20 0
Warrnambool	19 2	19 4	19 7	19 8	19 8
Weighted Average	20 6	21 0	21 3	21 5	21 5
QUEENSLAND—					
Brisbane	18 11	19 2	19 3	19 4	19 4
Toowoomba	17 5	17 9	17 10	17 11	18 0
Rockhampton	16 9	16 11	17 0	17 2	17 3
Townsville	18 0	18 1	18 1	18 1	18 2
Bundaberg	13 2	13 5	13 6	13 7	13 9
Weighted Average	18 5	18 8	18 9	18 10	18 10
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—					
Adelaide	19 6	19 11	20 1	20 1	20 1
Kadina, etc.	8 1	8 2	8 1	8 1	8 0
Port Pirie	14 5	14 11	15 0	15 0	14 11
Mount Gambler	14 5	14 5	14 6	14 11	15 0
Peterborough	15 6	15 9	16 3	16 1	15 10
Weighted Average	18 10	19 3	19 5	19 5	19 5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—					
Perth	19 7	19 9	19 10	19 10	19 11
Kalgoorlie	27 8	27 8	27 7	27 5	23 11
Northam	18 5	18 7	18 8	18 9	18 10
Bunbury	20 10	21 1	21 0	21 0	20 7
Geraldton	22 1	22 4	22 4	22 5	22 3
Weighted Average	20 3	20 5	20 5	20 5	20 3
TASMANIA—					
Hobart	20 6	20 9	20 11	21 0	21 0
Launceston	18 10	19 1	19 3	19 3	19 4
Burnie	17 5	17 6	17 9	17 8	17 10
Devonport	15 10	16 0	16 1	16 2	16 2
Queenstown	16 6	16 11	17 0	17 0	16 11
Weighted Average	19 6	19 9	19 11	20 0	20 0
Weighted Average, Australia	20 8	21 2	21 4	21 5	21 5

(a) The rents are shown to the nearest penny.

SECTION III.—RETAIL PRICES.

"Court" Series Index.*—In the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration—Quarterly Retail Prices Index Numbers.—Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Expenditure.—"Court" Series for September Quarter, 1941, to December Quarter, 1942.

(Base : Weighted Average—Six Capitals in 1923-27 = 81.0.)

Cities and Towns.	1941.		1942.			
	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.
NEW SOUTH WALES—						
Sydney	83.1	84.8	86.6	88.7	90.8	92.1
Newcastle	80.6	82.0	83.9	85.8	87.3	88.9
Broken Hill	84.6	86.2	88.4	91.6	92.6	93.8
Goulburn	81.4	82.8	84.8	87.3	89.3	90.5
Bathurst	78.8	80.1	82.3	84.4	85.8	87.4
Weighted Average—5 Towns	83.0	84.6	86.5	88.6	90.5	91.9
VICTORIA—						
Melbourne	81.7	83.2	85.5	88.2	90.5	92.0
Ballarat	77.1	78.8	80.6	83.1	85.3	86.6
Bendigo	78.2	79.7	82.3	84.7	86.5	87.6
Geelong	79.8	81.1	83.0	85.2	87.7	88.9
Warrnambool	81.1	82.2	84.0	86.3	88.5	90.3
Weighted Average—5 Towns	81.4	82.9	85.2	87.8	90.1	91.5
QUEENSLAND—						
Brisbane	77.9	79.7	81.8	82.6	84.5	85.4
Toowoomba	77.1	78.7	81.6	83.1	84.4	85.5
Rockhampton	77.7	79.0	82.3	82.8	83.8	85.2
Townsville	81.3	83.0	85.0	86.5	87.5	88.9
Bundaberg	76.1	77.7	80.4	81.5	82.7	84.0
Weighted Average—5 Towns	78.0	79.7	82.0	82.8	84.6	85.6
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—						
Adelaide	80.1	81.8	83.7	86.7	88.5	89.1
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	71.6	73.6	75.1	77.4	79.1	80.0
Port Pirie	79.3	81.0	82.7	85.0	86.8	87.9
Mount Gambler	77.0	78.1	79.9	82.0	83.7	86.1
Peterborough	78.9	81.0	82.0	84.8	86.4	87.6
Weighted Average—5 Towns	79.7	81.4	83.3	86.2	88.0	88.6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—						
Perth, Fremantle	81.1	81.9	82.7	85.3	87.2	88.2
Kalgoorlie, Boulder	94.5	95.1	94.5	95.0	95.4	95.7
Northam	83.1	83.9	84.9	86.9	88.2	89.3
Bunbury	83.0	83.7	84.3	85.6	86.9	88.1
Geraldton	85.9	87.0	87.9	89.5	91.2	92.1
Weighted Average—5 Towns	82.2	83.1	83.7	86.1	87.8	88.8
TASMANIA—						
Hobart	81.2	82.8	84.4	86.5	88.2	90.1
Launceston	78.8	79.9	81.4	83.5	85.0	86.8
Burnie	78.9	79.6	80.8	82.9	84.8	86.5
Devonport	76.9	78.3	79.2	81.4	82.5	84.5
Queenstown	79.6	80.9	82.1	83.5	86.6	87.2
Weighted Average—5 Towns	80.1	81.5	83.0	85.1	86.7	88.6
Weighted Average—30 Towns	81.4	83.1	85.0	87.2	89.2	90.4
Weighted Average—6 Capitals	81.7	83.3	85.2	87.5	89.5	90.8

SPECIAL TOWNS NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE WEIGHTED AVERAGES.

Charters Towers (Q.)	78.5	80.3	82.4	84.4	85.6	86.9
Warwick (Q.)	75.1	76.3	79.4	81.0	82.3	83.3
Port Augusta (S.)	79.6	81.0	82.6	84.6	86.2	87.3

* See page 29 for explanation.

Section VI.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(* Base of Each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.				Nominal Wages Adult Males.	Real Wages. (a)	Percentage of Unemploy- ment among Trade Unionists.
	Food and Grocer- ies.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	All Items of House- hold Ex- pendi- ture.			
Year—							
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	b 1,000	1,000	b 1,000	4.7
1914	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1929	1,866	1,754	1,824	1,713	1,972	1,151	11.1
1931	1,477	1,473	1,475	1,448	1,752	1,210	27.4
1938	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,488	1,799	1,211	8.7
1939	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1940	1,679	1,590	1,644	1,588	1,889	1,190	8.0
1941	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,673	1,997	1,194	3.7
1942	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,809	2,164	1,196	2.5
Quarter—							
1932.							
March	1,465	1,358	1,425	1,403	1,680	1,197	28.3
June	1,448	1,345	1,409	1,389	1,672	1,204	30.0
September	1,416	1,327	1,382	1,370	1,608	1,174	29.6
December	1,369	1,314	1,348	1,346	1,597	1,186	28.1
1933.							
March	1,317	1,318	1,318	1,327	1,585	1,194	26.5
June	1,337	1,314	1,329	1,334	1,595	1,196	25.7
September	1,359	1,311	1,341	1,340	1,587	1,184	25.1
December	1,355	1,311	1,339	1,337	1,570	1,174	23.0
1934.							
March	1,371	1,315	1,350	1,344	1,572	1,170	21.9
June	1,404	1,310	1,372	1,358	1,592	1,172	20.9
September	1,401	1,331	1,375	1,357	1,596	1,176	20.4
December	1,422	1,332	1,388	1,361	1,599	1,175	18.8
1935.							
March	1,420	1,356	1,396	1,368	1,607	1,175	18.6
June	1,425	1,363	1,402	1,371	1,609	1,174	17.8
September	1,461	1,379	1,430	1,389	1,613	1,161	15.9
December	1,460	1,390	1,434	1,391	1,620	1,165	13.7
1936.							
March	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4
June	1,455	1,425	1,444	1,397	1,629	1,166	12.8
September	1,489	1,449	1,474	1,420	1,641	1,156	12.0
December	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,430	1,659	1,160	10.7
1937.							
March	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9
June	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7
September	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1938.							
March	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1939.							
March	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940.							
March	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June	1,688	1,589	1,649	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941.							
March	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
1942.							
March	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8
June	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7
September	1,887	1,595	1,768	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December	1,880	1,595	1,764	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by "C" series index of retail prices.

(b) Taken back from true base (November, 1914) by means of the Food and Rent of All Houses ("A" Series) Index.

*The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

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